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ORDERED, That Mr. Read do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, acquainting this House that the Upper House had agreed to the Ordinance appointing William Knox Esqr Agent for the affairs of this province in Great Britain, without any Amendment.

Motion was made that the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of Genl Assembly for repairing Christ Church in Savannah, have directions from the House to hire Artificers Workmen and Labourers and to contract for proper Materials for repairing the said Church so as the whole Expence of repairing the same do not exceed one hundred & thirty pounds Sterling. A Debate arising thereon, and the Question being put, it was carried in the Affirmative.

RESOLVED, That the Commissioners appointed in and by the Act of Assembly for reparing Christ Church in Savannah be impowered to employ proper Persons and to agree for Material for reparing the said Church, so that the whole Expence of repairing thereof do not exceed one hundred and thirty pounds Sterling

RESOLVED, That this House will provide a Sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty pounds Sterling for repairing the said Church

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Mckeithen.

Honorable Gentlemen,

This House having Resolved to provide a Sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty pounds Sterling for repairing Christ-Church in Savannah and to impower

the Commissioners for repairing the same to employ proper persons and contract for Materials for doing thereof, doth desire the Concurrence of your House to the said Resolution.

And then the House adjourned 'till to morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, Jan^{r} 21st 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till to morrow morning nine o'Clock.

Saturday, Jan^{r} 22^{d} 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, Jan^{r} 24th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, Jan^{r} 25th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, Jan^r 26th 1763.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker

In answer to your Message dated the 20th instant informing this House of the Resolution your house had come to grant a Sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty pounds for repairing the Church in Savannah and to impower the Commissioners for repairing the said Church to hire Workmen and contract for Materials for doing thereof so as the same do not exceed one hundred and thirty pounds; this House doth concur in the said Resolution.

The House being informed that the Clerk of the Crown attended at the Door of the House he was called in and at the Bar of the House presented to the House, by order of the Chief Justice, a Presentment of the Grand Jury of this province at the last Court of Oyer and Terminer,

And the presentment was read in the following words.

"We present as a Grievance the Goal in Savannah "being extremely confined inconvenient and detrimental "to the health of unfortunate Debtors and others from "the Stench of Negroes and Whites being intermixed—

"The want of a fire place therein with proper Rooms and "Conveniences."

ORDERED, That the said Presentment do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House.

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, Jan. 27th 1763.

A Bill intitled an Act for exempting the Inhabitants of the Town of Sunbury from working on the publick Road, and for clearing and keeping clean the Bays Streets and Alleys of the said Town was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill immediately.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Jones from the Committee reported they had gone through the Bill and made some Amendments thereto, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to lay out a Road in the Parish of St George,

ORDERED, That Mr Wylly and Mr M'keithen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Then Mr Wylly presented the said Bill to the House according to order and the same was read and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

A Petition of Several Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint George was presented to the House and Read set-

ting forth That the Grievances which the Petitioners labour Under on the Account of Large Stocks of Cattle sent into this province by Gentlemen living in the province of South Carolina which take up no Land in this province Nor pay anything towards support of Government but get some Inhabitants of this Province to look after their Stocks for the sake of a small share of the Increase thereof and perhaps get a Negro or two to Work for them which practice if allowed to be carried on will impoverish this Infant Colony and not only hurt the present Inhabitants by distroying the Range but it will discourage others from coming to settle here when the Range is intirely eat out and although perhaps the Cattle may be sold in this province Yet the Money arising from such Sales will be carried into the province of South Carolina which can be of no real Benefit to the Inhabitants of this Province We therefore humbly pray that a Stop may be put to this practice or some Method taken that may bring them to Assist towards the support of Government in this province and therefore praying such Redress as to the House shall seem meet.

ORDERED, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Motion was made that a Committee of this House be appointed to prepare Instructions for William Knox Esqr Agent for the affairs of this Province in Great Britain.

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux Mr Joseph Gibbons Mr Winn Mr Maxwell and Mr Graham be a Committee to prepare the same.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intitled an Act to prevent the building wooden

Some Spanish prisoners having been lately sent here from Frederica I have Ordered them to be taken Care of by the provost Marshal in One of the Caponiers in ffort Halifax and to be furnished with provisions by him in the same Manner as some other prisoners were last Summer the Expence of which as well as those now here I must recommend it to you to Consider of and provide for— JA: WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia 28th Jany 1763

A Petition of David Montaigut of Savannah Merchant was presented to the House and read setting forth that the petitioner having been constituted Agent for Victualling His Majestys Two Troops of Rangers appointed for the Service of this Province on behalf of the Contractors for Victualling His Majestys Forces in North America even since the Month of June 1760 and that from that Time until the Month of June in the Year 1762 the petitioner has disbursed and laid out the Sum of Thirty nine pounds Six Shillings and Ten pence for the Storage of provisions for the said Troops, there being no Kings Store houses appointed to receive them And for Carriage and Transportation to the Different Detachments of Troops Stationed in this province as by An Account thereof with the petition did before the House wou'd more particular Appear. And that as by Articles of Agreement entered into by The Right Honourable Lords of His Majestys Treasury with the said Contractors which with this Petition are also laid before this House it is Covenanted and Agreed that they the said Contractors are Obliged to Deliver or Cause to be delivered at their Own Cost Charges and Risques the provisions for His Majestys ffforces at the first or Chief Sea port or Town in each province into Store Houses provided for their reception And as they are not liable nor Obliged to pay their Storage nor Transport or Con-

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report.

Mr (sic) presented to the House according to order, a Bill intitled an Act for building a Goal at Augusta, wch was recd and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Motion was made that an Address be prepared to be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Message to this House this day.

RESOLVED That an Address be prepared to be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Message to this house this day.

ORDERED, That Mr Graham and Mr Read be a Committee to prepare the said Address.

The said Address being prepared was read in the following words, Vizt

To His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same—

May it please Your Excellency,

The Commons House of Assembly having taken into Consideration that part of your Excellency's Message of this date and the paper accompanying it relative to the Agent Victualers Account, find by the Contract betwixt the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury and the Contractors for Victualing His Majesty's fforces in North America, that the transporting Provisions by Land or Water from the Sea port where first delivered by the Contractors, was to be at His Majesty's Expence, and have therefore come to a Resolution

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, Jan^r 29th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning Ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, Jan^r 31st 1763.

The Bill intitled an Act for building a Public Goal in the Town of Augusta was read a second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and M^r McGillivray from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made some Amendments thereto, wch he read in his place and delivered the Bill with the Amendments to the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

A Bill intitled An Act to impower the Surveyors therein named to lay out a Road in St George's Parish was read a second time and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr Read presented to the House according to Order

in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Henry Yonge Esquire was returned by Writ, Representative for Vernonburgh in the room of Edmund Tannat Esq[r] deceased, and attended the Governor and took the Oaths of Allegiance and the Oath of Abjuration and made made (sic) and subscribed the Declaration, and being returned, took his Seat as a Member of this House.

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper-House have agreed to a Bill intitled an Act for amending an Act for constituting and dividing the several Districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes and for establishing Religious worship therein according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, and also for impowering the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the respective Parishes to assess Rates for the Repair of Churches the relief of the Poor and other parochial Services, and for enlarging the public Burial Ground in Savannah and inclosing the same with some Amendments; and also to a Bill intitled an Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading of contagious Distempers in this Province and to oblige Vessels going out of any port within the same first to produce for that purpose a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being and to prevent the harbouring of Sick Sailors and others, with some Amendments; and also to a Bill intitled an Act to impower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly for repairing Christ Church in Savannah to lay out a spot of Ground for erecting a Parish Church thereon, with some Amendments; and also to a Bill in-

for he says in his Letter that "he shall write to the King's Contractor for provisions at New York that he has directed there two Troops of Rangers to be Established and that he must Victual them in the same manner that the Carolina Independant Companies are he likewise says that no provision is made for Contingences for any of the Rangers at the Northward and the Expince of carrying the provisions from Charles Town to Keowee and other places where those Companies are doing Duty has always been paid by the Province and not by the Crown—and therefore I must desire you'l be pleased to reconsider this Matter—

JAMES WRIGHT 31st Jany 1763

Motion was made that His Excellencys Message be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House, and also that his Excellency's Message of the 28th of January last be re-committed to the Consideration of the said Committee

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take His Excellency's Message delivered this day into Consideration and to reconsider his Excellency's Message of the 28th of January last

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Wood from the Committee reported that they had considered his Excellency's Message delivered this day, and had also reconsidered his Excellency's Message of the 28th of January last and had come to several Resolutions thereupon which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Resolutions in his place and afterwards delivered the

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker,

In answer to your Message dated the 2^d day of December last desiring a conference on the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled An Act for regulating a Work-House for the Custody and punishment of Negroes, this House doth agree thereto and hath appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber to-morrow morning eleven o'Clock.

Committee

The Honble { Grey Elliott, William Clifton, Noble Jones } Esq^rs

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker,

This House having taken into Consideration the Amendments

[See this message, desiring a Conference on Bill for holding special Courts &c. and names of Commitee, in Journal of the Upper House 2 February.]

ORDERED, That Mr Noble Wimberly Jones, Mr Ewen, Mr Wood and M^r M^ckeithen be a Committee to join the Committee of the Upper-House in Conference upon the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by the Upper-House to the Bill intitled an Act for regulating a Work house for the Custody and Punishment of Negroes, to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber to-morrow Morning eleven o'Clock.

RESOLVED, that this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Bill to-morrow Morning.

And then the House Adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, ffebruary, 4th 1763.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out a Road in the parish of Saint George, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Yonge from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper-House to the following Bills, Vizt A Bill intitled an Act for constituting and dividing the several Districts and Divisions of this province into parishes &c — A Bill intitled an Act to impower the Commissioners appointed in and by An Act of the General Assembly for reparing Christ Church in Savannah to lay out a Spot of Ground for erecting a Parish Church thereon — A Bill intitled an Act to impower the General Court of Pleas to grant Writs of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary Joint Tenancy or Ten-

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, ffebruary, 8th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffebruary 9th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, ffebruary, 10th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, ffebr 11th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, ffebruary 12th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

cou'd provide what other number of Hands may be necessary by means of the Rangers.

And then the House adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, ffebruary, 15th 1763.

The Bill intitled an Act for preventing fraudulent Mortgages and Conveyances was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Yonge from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and agreed thereto without any Amendment and he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffebruary 16th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper-House of Assemblv.

Mr Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor having communicated to this House a Letter from the Right Honorable the Earl of Egremont one of His Majesty's Principal Secretary's of State acquainting His Excellency of the Queen's safe Delivery of a Prince; and having proposed that a dutyful and loyal Address be drawn up and transmitted to His Majesty from the Governor Council and Assembly of this Province to express their Joy on the happy Event; the House thereupon came to the following Resolution,

RESOLVED, Nemine dissentiente, That this House will join with His Excellency the Governor in a dutyful and loyal Address to be presented to His Majesty expressive of their Joy on this interesting and important Event.

This House therefore desires the Concurrence of your House therein and that you will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in preparing an Address accordingly.

RESOLVED, Nem. Con. that this House will join His Excellency the Governor and the Council in an Address to be presented to His Majesty on this interesting and important Event

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux Mr Graham Mr Wylly Mr Yonge and Mr McGillivray be a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House in preparing the said Address.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Upper-House by Mr Mckeithen—

Honorable Gentlemen,

In answer to your Message this day desiring a Conference upon the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for preventing fraudulent Mortgages and Conveyances &c this House doth agree thereto and hath appointed a Committee to join a Committee of your House accordingly to-morrow morning eleven o'Clock.

Committee are

Mr Ottolenghe
Mr Wood
Mr Ewen
Mr Yonge
Mr Noble. W. Jones

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to impower the Commissioners therein named to lay out a Road in the parish of St George was read the third time

RESOLVED, That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Wylly do carry the same to the Upper-House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

ORDERED, That Henry Kennan Esqr have leave of Absence for twelve Months to go to Great Britain upon extraordinary Avocations.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

ORDERED, That Mr Mckeithen do carry the same to the Upper-House and desire their concurrence.

The Bill intitled an Act to continue and amend an Act intitled an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands of the Indians and for preventing persons trading with them without Licence was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill immediately.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Deveaux from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill & without any Amendment had agreed thereto, and he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be ingrossed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported they had made some further progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate to-morrow morning

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, ffeb^{y} 22^{d} 1763.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported they had made some further progress therein, and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Estimate to-morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned till to-Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffeb^{y} 23^{d} 1763.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Upper-House upon the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intitled an Act for preventing fraudulent Mortgages and Conveyances &c reported that they adhered to the Amendments made by this House to the said Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported they had made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Estimate to-morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, ffeb^{y} 24th 1763.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported they had gone through the same and come to several Resolutions thereupon which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received to-morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, ffeb^{y} 25th 1763.

Mr Read from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Consideration of the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in this province for the current year was referred, reported the Resolutions of the Committee thereupon which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Table where the same were again read and are as follow—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that there be granted and allowed for the following pur-

Ditto for Maintainance of Prisoners &c a Sum not exceeding .....£	35..	0..	0
For the Cryer and Keeper of the Court a Sum not exceeding	10..	0..	0
For the Coroner a Sum not exceeding..	10..	0..	0

For Defraying the Expences of the General Assembly.

For the Clerk of the Upper House for his Salary a Sum not exceeding.....	30..	0..	0
For Incidental Business as Clerk of the Council for Transmitting Minutes a Sum not exceeding	40..	0..	0
For the Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly his Salary a Sum not exceeding	25..	0..	0
For Incidental Business a Sum not exceeding	40..	0..	0
For the Messenger and Door keeper of the Upper House a Sum not exceeding	25..	0..	0
For the Messenger of the Commons House of Assembly a Sum not exceeding ..	25..	0..	0
For the Secretary for Coppying and Sealing Acts a Sum not exceeding	60..	0..	0
For ffire and Candles for the General Assembly a Sum not exceeding	5..	0..	0

For Contingent Services

For Negros that may be Hanged a Sum not exceeding	40..	0..	0
For Apprehending other Offenders a Sum not exceeding	20..	0..	0
For Repairing Publick Buildings a Sum not exceeding	20..	0..	0
For ffire and Candles for the Soldiers doing Duty in Savannah a Sum not exceeding	15..	0..	0

For Expresses and other Incidental Business a Sum not exceeding ..... £	60..	0..	0
For the Register for Registering Grants a Sum not exceeding	10..	0..	0
For the Publick Commisary a Sum not exceeding	20..	0..	0
For the Armorer for keeping 700 Stand of Arms a Sum not Exceeding	21..	0..	0
For Governor Ellis's Annuity a Sum not exceeding	50..	0..	0
Certificates to be sunk pursuant to the ffort Act a Sum not exceeding	220..	0..	0
For the Light House a Sum not exceeding	36..	0..	0
For ffrancis Arthur & C° for Materials for Sunbury ffort a Sum not exceeding	50..	10..	10
For the Provost Marshal for Apprehending ffellons a Sum not exceeding ..	6..	7..	4
For Ballance of David Tubears Account for Irons for the Spaniards a Sum not exceeding	2..	0..	0
For Ballance of Attorney General's Account a Sum not exceeding	9..	15..	6
For James Andersons Account for Inspecting the Light House Church &c a Sum not exceeding	2..	12..	6
For the Provost Marshal for Apprehending the Spaniards and some other ffellons and Summoning a Special Jury	23..	16..	4
For Ballance of Provost Marshals Account ffor Maintainance of Prisoners a Sum not exceeding	4..	15..	4
For Ballance to the Clerk of the Council for Incidental Business to the 27th September a Sum not exceeding ..	59..	13..	10

For Doctor Noble Jones's Account for ffrench Prisoners a Sum not exceeding ..... £	2..	7..	10
For Attending the Wounded Spaniard a Sum not exceeding	7..	10..	4
For Captain John Milledge Ballance of Account for sundry Tools Iron Work &c for Fort Arguil a Sum not exceeding	32..	6..	8½
For the Messenger for Sundry Letters to the Members	1..	10..	2
For Messrs Johnson & Wyllys Account a Sum not exceeding	0..	18..	11
For Messrs Johnson & Wyllys for Tools for Cockspur ffort a sum not exceeding	3..	12..	9
For Thomas Lee for taking Care of the ffire Engin a Sum not exceeding..	1..	0..	0
For Thomas Thomas (sic) Clancey Account for puting the Cannon for Cockspur Fort on Board the Schooner a sum not exceeding	(sic)		
For Ballance of the Clerk of Assemblys Account a Sum not exceeding.....	27..	3..	2
For M^r De Brahm for his Services as Enjinier a Sum not exceeding	21..	0..	0
For the Printer his Sallery a Sum not ceeding	100..	0..	0
For the Clerk of the Crown for holding a Special Court for Mark Antoney and Emanuel Toriz a Sum not exceeding	5..	0..	0
For Lieutenant Baillies Ballance of Account for Building ffort Barrington a Sum not exceeding	18..	3..	1

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, March ye 1st 1763

Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for explaining and amending an Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out public Roads in this Province in so far as the same relates to the Districts of Midway and Darien, and for appointing additional Surveyors for St Andrews parish, reported they had prepared the same; and it was reced and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, March the 2d 1763.

The Bill intitled an Act for explaining and amending an Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out public Roads in this Province in so far as the same relates to the Districts of Midway and Darien &c was read a second time, and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED that this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill.

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Maxwell from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Bill and made several

ORDERED that the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Mckeithen.

Com. House of Assembly.
2d March 1763.

Honorable Gentlemen,

The Committee appointed by this House to prepare Instructions to the Honorable William Knox Esquire Agent for the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain having come to the Resolutions following

Instead of the last Entry read as follows in next page.

Commons House of Assembly
March 2d 1763—

Honorable Gentlemen

The Committee appointed by this House to prepare Instructions to the Honourable William Knox Esquire Agent for Solliciting the Affairs of this province in Great Britain having come to the following Resolutions Viz—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of the Committee that it be recommended to the Agent to Use his Utmost endeavours that His Excellency the Governor of this province be impowered and enabled to purchase such Lands of the Indians as are indispensibly necessary for the immediate improvement of the province which they have hitherto opposed our settling.

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of the Committee that it be recommended to the Agent to Continue his Sollicitations for Obtaining Necessary Warlike Stores and the Continuance of His Majestys two Troops of Rangers now on Duty in this province—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, March 5th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, March 7th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, March 8th 1763.

Mr Henry Yonge from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House in preparing a congratulatory Address to his Majesty on the birth of a Prince reported they had prepared the same, and he read it in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read in the following words, vizt

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

The Governor Council and Assembly, etc. . . . .

(See Journal of Upper House 10 March)

RESOLVED, That this House doth agree with the Committee to the said Address.

A Message from the Upper House.

8 March 1763.

[For transcript of this message concurring in Resolution relative to the Agent see Journal of Upper House 8 March]

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, March 9th 1763.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Yonge.

Honorable Gentlemen,

Upon Report of the Committee appointed to join a Committee of your House in preparing a congratulatory Address to His Majesty on the birth of a Prince, this House doth agree to the Address so prepared.

Mr Yonge from the Committee of Ways and Means to raise the Sum of one thousand eight hundred pounds for defraying the Charges of Government for a year, commencing the 29th September 1762 and ended the 29th September 1763 reported they had come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be now received.

Then Mr Yonge read the Resolutions in his place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table where they were again read and are as follow, Vizt

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a General Tax be laid in the following Manner Viz[t]

On 400000 Acres of Land 2[s]/6 per hundred Acres ..... £	500..	–..	–
4320 Negroes 2[s]/6 p[r] head	540..	–..	–
Lots not improved at 7[s]/6	27..	–..	–
Ditto Improved at 5[s]/.....	22..	10..	0
Free Negroes say 20 at 15[s]/ p[r] head ..	15..	–..	–
On Imports of Goods Bought for Sale £45000 at 7[s]/6 p[r] C[t]	169..	10..	0
On Moneys at Interest say £1000 at 12[s]/ p[r] C[t]	6..	0..	0
	1280..	0..	0
Arrears of Taxes not duly Collected the last Year	20..	0..	0
£	1300..	0..	0
By Sale of Town Lots at the West End of the Town of Savannah to be lent the Publick	500..	–..	–
£	1800..	0..	0

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee That an Additional Number of Lots be Added to the Town of Savannah from the Common at the West side of the Town That Commissioners be appointed for that purpose and to sell so many of them as will raise the above Sum of five hundred pounds to be lent to the Publick at the Interest of £6 p[r] C[t] p[r] Annum in Aid of the present Tax the same to be repaid by the publick Tax in equal proportions in five Years—

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Report into Consideration immediately

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Report into Consideration and agreed thereto

RESOLVED, That this House doth agree with the Committee to the said Report.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly
March 9th 1763.

Mr Speaker,

Upon Report of the Committee appointed to join a Committee of your House in preparing a congratulatory Address to His Majesty and his Royal Consort upon the An Heir being born to the Crown, this House doth agree to the Address so prepared.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for adding a number of Lots to the Town of Savannah from off the Common of the said Town and for appointing Commissioners for that purpose and to sell so many as will raise the Sum of £500 to be lent to the publick at the Interest of six per Cent in Aid of the present Tax to be repaid out of the public Tax in equal proportions in five years.

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux Mr Yonge Mr Mckeithen Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intitled an Act to amend an Act to

to His Majesty the Sum of One thousand nine hundred and thirty four pounds nine shillings for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia which was rec^ed and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday March 17th 1763.

The Bill intitled an Act to impower Commissioners to lay out Lots on the Common at the West End of the Town of Savannah was read a second time and ordered to be committed.

The Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of One thousand nine hundred and thirty four pounds nine shillings for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia was read a second time and ordered to be committed

And then the House adjourned 'till to-Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, March 18th 1763.

The House met according to Adjourment and then Adjourned 'till To-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be printed, and that the same be read a third time on Wednesday next

ORDERED, That Mr Graham have leave of absence from His Service in Assembly for six Months.

Motion was made that the Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of one thousand nine hundred and thirty four Pounds nine shillings for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia, be now Committed to a Committee of the whole House

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Yonge from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Bill to-morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, March 25th 1763.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Upper-House by Mr Read, Vizt

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly, 25th March 1763.

[For transcript of this message agreeing to conference on Instructions to the Agent and names of Committee see Journal of Upper House 25 March]

And then the House adjourned 'till tomorrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, March 26th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, March 28th 1763.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intitled An Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of one thousand nine hundred and thirty four pounds nine shillings for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia, according to the Order of the day; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Read from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Bill and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table,

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, March 29th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till to-morrow morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, March 30th 1763.

The Bill intitled an Act to impower Commissioners to lay out Lots on the Common at the West End of Savannah &c was read a third Time,

Reso^ld That the said Bill do not pass.

A Petition of the ffreeholds of the Town and District of Savannah whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read representing that a Bill depending in the House having by Order been printed, Intitled an Act to impower Commissioners therein named to lay out fourteen Lots on the Common at the West end of the Town of Savannah and to dispose of them and pay the money arising thereby into the hands of the Publick Treasurer to be applyed in Aid of the General Tax towards the several Services mentioned and provided for by the Tax Law for this present year and for replacing the same in the Treasurer's hands for the use of the Town of Savannah; which Bill the Petitioners apprehend will be very injurious to the ffreeholders and retard the progress of Building in Savannah; and therefore praying that they may be heard by themselves or their Counsel against the said Bill passing into a Law; and that they may have such Relief in the premisses as to this House shall seem just and expedient.

Mr Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr Speaker with the whole House went to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills, vizt

A Bill intitled an Act for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of one thousand nine hundred and thirty four Pounds nine shillings for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia.

A Bill intitled An Act to prevent Damages that may arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or stopping Water.

An Ordinance, appointing the Honorable William Knox Esqr Agent for the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain.

A Bill intitled An Act for impowering the General Court of Pleas to grant Writs of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common in this Province, and appointing the Method of proceeding therein.

A Bill intitled An Act for continuing an Act for regulating the Assize of Bread.

A Bill intitled an Act for amending an Act for constituting and dividing the several Districts and Divisions of this Province into Parishes &c.

A Bill intitled, An Act to prevent the Building Wooden Chimnies, repairing those already built and to provide against Accidents by ffire.

A Bill intitled An Act to prevent persons throwing Ballast or Rubbish or falling Trees into the Rivers and navigable Creeks within this Province, and for keeping clear the Channels of the same

A Bill intitled an Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading of contagious Distempers in this Province; and to oblige Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce for that purpose a Passport from the Governor and Commander in Chief for the time being; and to prevent the harbouring of sick Sailors and others.

A Bill intitled an Act to impower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly for repairing Christ Church in Savannah, to lay out a Spot of Ground for erecting a Parish Church thereon

A Bill intitled an Act for regulating a Work-House for the Custody and Punishment of Negroes

A Bill intitled an Act for holding special or Extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Trial of Causes arising within this Province between Merchants Ship-Masters, Super-Cargoes and other transient Persons.

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses of Assembly, Viz[t]

Gentlemen of the Council.

M[r] Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Commons House of Assembly.

I return you thanks, etc.,

(See Journal of Upper House 7 April.)

And then His Excellency prorogued the Assembly until the fifth day of July next.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

GEORGIA.

JOURNAL

of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia, at the fourth Session of the fourth General Assembly of the said Province, met according to Prorogation at the Town of Savannah, on Monday the twenty first day of November in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty three; examined and compared with the Original Minutes

by

THO^s BURRINGTON
Cler. Dom. Com.

Rec^d with the Gov^rs Letter
of 26 May 1764.

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Journal Common House.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the fourth Session of the fourth General Assembly of the said Province, met according to Prorogation, at the Town of Savannah, on Monday the twenty first day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty three.

The House meets.

The House met, and adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

ORDERED, That His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Assembly be referred to the said Committee.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, November the 23d 1763.

The Committee report their Address.

Mr Yonge from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor, reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Address be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, November, the 24th 1763.

The ingrossed Address to His Excellency the Governor, was read in the following Words, vizt

The Address of Thanks to His Excellency.

To His Excellency James Wright Esquire, Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please Your Excellency,

We His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Georgia, met in General Assembly, do present your Excellency our sincere thanks for your very kind and affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly at the opening of this Session.

We cannot in the least regret the delay of our meeting in General Assembly, His Majesty's Service and our own Preservation and Prosperity, so necessarily requiring your Excellency's Attendance at the Congress with the Southern Governors, Captain Stuart, the Superintendant, and the different Tribes of Indians, at Augusta, in order to cultivate and promote a more firm and permanent Peace and ffriendship between His Majesty and the Southern Nations of Indians.

This recent Instance of His Majesty's truly paternal Care for the safety and welfare of his American Subjects demands our most grateful Acknowledgements; and that this Congress so wisely planned by His Majesty has terminated so much to the general Benefit, and in particular to the advantage of this Province, both Truth and Gratitude obliges us to ascribe to your Excellency's steady Perseverance in carrying His Majesty's gracious Purposes into Execution, and the wise and prudent Measures invariably pursued by you in bringing this important Business to so happy a Period,

We are much obliged to your Excellency for the Assurance that you will order a Copy of the Treaty settled and agreed upon at the late Congress to be laid before the Assembly, and we have not a Doubt, but it will be highly pleasing and satisfactory to us.

If a more early Opportunity had offered we Shoud as this House now doth, join in most hearty Congratula-

tions on the conclusion of Peace with ffrance and Spain, as an Event most happy and glorious to His Majesty and the Arms of Great Britain, and, as Your Excellency justly observes particularly beneficial to the southern Colonies.

That we are happy in the Consequences of this Peace, and the great Probability and Prospect of continuing in Peace and ffriendship with the several Nations of Indians, we must gratefully acknowledge; the ffidelity of the Creeks we had reason to suspect; and with the highest Satisfaction we receive the pleasing Information of the present pacific Disposition and good Intention of those Indians, of which the Cession of so valuable a Tract of Land on our Western ffrontiers is the best Proof.

We shou'd be extremely insensible of the Happiness we enjoy under your Excellency's Administration, did we not give you the firmest Assurance that nothing shall be wanting in us to preserve that general Harmony and Confidence, your Excellency so affectionately mentions.

We are Sir, next to assure you, that this House will attend to and concur with you in every Measure to promote the general Welfare and Prosperity of this Province, and that we will particularly consider of and frame such Bills as you have recommended to our Consideration.

Though we never have experienced from your Excellency any Demands but what were necessary for the welfare of the Province, yet it cannot but be pleasing to us that you have no particular Article of Expence at this time to recommend to us, especially as the necessary Services of the last year obliged us to raise a Sum rather above the Abilities of our Constituents: ffor the usual Estimate and service of the current year we will chear-

fully provide; and you may Sir, depend on it that we will, with that Unanimity which has hitherto subsisted, give Dispatch to the Publick Business.

By Order of the House,

LEWIS JOHNSON, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly,

Novr 24th 1763.

ORDERED, That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address; and he signed the same accordingly.

RESOLVED, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency with their Address, and being returned Mr Speaker reported, they had attended his Excellency and presented their Address, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer, Viz^{t}

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen,

I return you my best Thanks for your very kind Address, and the Gratitude you express for His Majesty's paternal Care of His American Subjects. I am led by Duty, Interest and Inclination to exert my best Abilities for His Majesty's Service and the true Interest of this Province; and so long as my Conduct therein is approved of by the Representatives of the People, I shall think myself very happy.

JAMES WRIGHT.

Novr 24th 1763.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for the

[illegible] Punishment of Vagabonds and other idle and disorderly Persons and for erecting Prisons or Places of Security in the several Parishes of this Province; and for preventing Trespasses on Lands of the Crown or Lands reserved for the Indians, and for the more effectual apprehending and punishing Persons hawking with Intent to the Woods

[illegible] Mr Rose and Mr De Wolf do a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

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ORDERED, That Mr Yonge, Mr Milledge and Mr Barnard be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Order for a Call of the House.

ORDERED, That this House be called over on this day Seven night.

The Clerk ordered to give publick Notice for all persons having Demands on ye Publick to bring in their Accts.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House do give Notice, by advertisement in the Gazette, to all Persons having Demands on the Publick, to bring in their Accompts to him, duly attested, on or before the 15th day of December next, after wch day no Accompts will be received.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, Novr 30th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, December, the 1st 1763.

John Mullryne Esqr declines taking his Seat.—

John Mullryne Esqr duly elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for the Villages of Abercorn and Goshen in the room of William ffrancis Esqr deceased, attended the House, and being called in, he acquainted the House, he was much obliged to those Gentlemen who had made Choice of him for their Representative, but that his private Concerns wou'd not permit him to take his Seat in the House.

He adjourns it accordingly. until Tuesday the sixth day of this Instant; and the said House is hereby adjourned accordingly

JAMES WRIGHT

1st Decr 1768.
(sic)

To the Honorable, The Speaker,
and Members of the Commons
House of Assembly.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, Decr 6th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment

The House meets, and is called over. The Order of the Day for the Call of the House being read, the House was called over accordingly

Motion made for leave to bring in Bill for the Direction of Exors. & Admors. &c. Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to direct Executors and Administrators in the Manner and Method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates; and for allowing them, and all other Persons who shall or may be intrusted with the Care and Management of Minors and other Estates to charge Commissions thereon.

ORDERED, That Mr Joseph Gibbons, Mr Maxwell and Mr William Gibbons be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-
morrow Morning nine o'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, December ye 7th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, December ye 8th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

(From P. B. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, December ye 9th 1763.

A Bill to suppress Lotteries &c. presented

Mr Yonge presented to the House according to Order, a Bill to suppress Lotteries, and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming; and the same was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Estimate presented by order of ye Govr.

Charles Watson Esqr Master in Chancery, presented to the House, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, a Paper intituled, "An Estimate of the necessary Charges "of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year "commencing the 29th day of September 1763, and end-"ing the 29th day of September 1764."

And the Title of the said Paper was read.

ORDERED, That the said Estimate do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

ORDERED, That Mr Carter have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly 'till next Monday Seven night.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, December ye 10th 1763.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, December ye 12th 1763.

Memorial of John Wm. Gerrard De Brahm

A Memorial of John William Gerrard De Brahm Esqr, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that the Memorialist last year did lay before this House the Services by him performed for the Publick vizt the raising in the year 1757, a Circumvallation round the Town of Savannah, for which a Gratuity of twenty Guineas was ordered, but cannot be obtained by the then Commissioner of ffortifications. And further setting forth, that in December 1762 the Memorialist delivered to this House, for the use of the Provincial Agent, a Map of the Province of Georgia from the Latitude 29 to 33, the Product of the Memorialist's own Industry and Labour, which was lost out of this House, to the great Detriment of the Memorialist, who is deprived of those Benefits he expected to reap from the Publication of that his industrious Performance; and therefore submitting those his Services, and the Loss by him sustained, to the Consideration of this Honorable House, and praying such Relief as to the House shall seem meet.

on; and the same was received and read the first time, and ordered to read a second time.

Motion was made that the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764, be now referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

House resolves itself into a Committee upon the Estimate.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Estimate.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee of the whole House reported they had made some Progress in the said Estimate, and that the Committee had directed him to move, that they may have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will, To-morrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further the said Estimate.

ORDERED, That the Order of the Day be Adjourned over 'till Thursday next.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning, nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, December the 14th 1763.

The House further considers ye Estimate.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of

Georgia, for one year, commencing the 29th day of Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th of Sepr 1764, according to the order of the day; and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee of the whole House reported they had made some further Progress in the said Estimate, and that the Committee had directed him to move that they may have further leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Estimate.

Bill for the punishment of Vagabonds &c. presented & read the first time.

Mr Ewen presented to the House, according to order, a Bill for the Punishment of Vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly Persons; and for erecting Prisons or Places of Security in the several Parishes of this Province; and for preventing Trespasses on Lands of the Crown, or Lands reserved for the Indians; and for the more effectual suppressing and punishing Persons bartering with Indians in the Woods; and the same was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned 'till To Morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, December ye 15th 1763.

Bill to direct Exors. & Admors. &c. read 2d time & committed.

The Bill intitled an Act to direct Executors and Administrators in the manner and method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates, and for allowing them and all other Persons who shall or may be intrusted with the Management of Minors, and other Estates, to charge Commissions there-

on, was read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House,

RESOLVED, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

Order for Instruction to Committee to receive a Clause.

ORDERED, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee that they have Power to receive a Clause to be added to the said Bill for the Direction of Executors Guardians and others intrusted with the Care and Management of Minors, & other Estates, in regard to their letting Money at Interest.

The House resolve into a Committee upon the sd Bill.

Then the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the said Bill; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Yonge from the Committee reported they had made some Progress therein, and that the Committee had directed him to move that they may have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will, To-Morrow Morning, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill to suppress Lotteries, and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming;

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the said Bill, on the 12th day of January next.

The other Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year,

commencing the 29th Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764;

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Estimate into further Consideration on the Twenty seventh day of January next.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, December the 16th 1763.

The House resolve itself into a Committee further to consider ye Bill to direct Exors. & Admors.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider of the Bill to direct Executors and Administrators in the Manner and Method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates and for allowing them and all other Persons who shall or may be intrusted with the Care and Management of Minors and other Estates, to charge Commissions thereon, according to the order of the day; and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Yonge from the Committee of the whole House reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto; and he read the Amendments in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

A Message from His Excellency, the Governor by Charles Watson Esqr, Master in Chancery,

Gentlemen,

The Governor adjourns ye House.

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Tuesday the tenth day of January next, then to meet for the Dispatch of Business; and it is accordingly adjourned.

Given under my Hand at Savannah the sixteenth day of December 1763.

JA: WRIGHT

To the Speaker, and Members of
the Commons House of Assembly,

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, January, 10th 1764.

The House meets

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, January, 11th 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, January 12th 1764.

The Committee of the whole House consider further of ye Bill to suppress Lotteries &c.

The Order of the day being read, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Bill to Suppress Lotteries, and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming, and after some

time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Yonge from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED, That the said Report be received To-morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, January 13th 1764.

ORDERED, That the Order of the Day be adjourned over 'till To Morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, January, 14th 1764.

ORDERED, That the Order of the day be adjourned over 'till Monday Morning next.

And then the House adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, January 16th 1764.

Sundry papers & Letters from the Agent laid before ye House

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee of Correspondce with William Knox Esquire, Provincial Agent, laid before the House sundry Papers & Letters received by the said Committee from the said Agent, with the answers of the said Committee to the said Letters.

ORDERED, That the said Papers and Letters do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Calculation of ye Expence of erecting a Work-house laid before ye House.

Mr Ewen from the Commissioners appointed to erect a Work-house in the Town of Savannah laid before the House an Account or Calculation of the Amount of the Expence of erecting the same: and acquainted the House that the Money already granted and appropriated for that purpose was found to be insufficient.

ORDERED, That the said Account or Calculation be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of the whole House, to whom is referred the Consideration of the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764.

Bill to direct Exors. & Admors., read ye 3d time & passed.

The ingrossed Bill intitled An Act to direct Executors and Administrators in the manner and Method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates, and for allowing them and all other Persons who shall or may be intrusted with the Management of Minors and other Estates to charge Commissions thereon, was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Bill for punishment of Vagabonds &c. read 2d time & committed.

The Bill for the Punishment of Vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly Persons; and for erecting Prisons or Places of Security in the several Parishes of this Province; and for preventing Trespasses on Lands of the Crown, or Lands reserved for the Indians; and for the more effectual suppressing and punishing Persons bartering with Indians in the Woods, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill, To-morrow Morning.

A New Member takes ye Oaths &c.

Isaac Young Esqr returned upon a new Writ, Representative for the Villages of Abercorn and Goshen, took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration, and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration according to the Laws made for those Purposes.

George Baillie Esqr. declines taking his Seat.

George Baillie Esqr returned upon a new Writ to serve as Representative for the Parish of Saint Paul declined taking his Seat in the House, alledging his private Concerns wou'd not permit him.

Motion for Address to ye Govr. for a new Writ to elect anor. Member in his stead.

Motion was made that an Address be presented to The Governor to desire His Excellency will be pleased to give Directions for issuing a new Writ for the Election of a Representative to serve in General Assembly for the Parish of St Paul in the room of George Baillie Esqr

ORDERED, That such Address be prepared.

The said Address being drawn up,

ORDERED, That Mr McGillivray and Mr Jones do wait on His Excellency therewith.

They waited on His Excellency accordingly, and being returned Mr McGillivray acquainted the House that they had presented the said Address, and that the Governor was pleased to say he would give Directions for the issuing a new Writ pursuant to the said Address.

ORDERED, That the Order of the Day be adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, January, 17th 1764.

Petition of many Inhabitants of Savannah.

A Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah whose names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read, setting forth that they find the moving of the Market from the center of the Town to one end thereof very inconvenient, whereas the center of the Town where the Market was before placed, was equally convenient for the Inhabitants of the Town, as well as for the Country People supplying the Market with Provisions; and therefore praying that the Publick Market may be removed to the most convenient part of the Town and as near the Center as possible.

Referred to a Committee.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Petition To-morrow Morning.

Mr Henry Yonge, (according to Order,) reported

The Committee upon ye Bill to suppress Lotteries &c make their Rept. wch. is agreed to.

from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming was committed, the Amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be ingrossed.

The House resolves into a Committee upon the Bill for punishmt. of Vagabonds.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill for the Punishment of Vagabonds and other idle and disorderly Persons, and for erecting Prisons or Places of Security in the several Parishes of this Province; and for preventing Trespasses on Lands of the Crown, or Lands reserved for the Indians, and for the more effectual suppressing and punishing Persons bartering with Indians in the Woods, according to the Order of the Day; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported, they had made some Progress in the said Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will To-morrow Morning, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Bill.

Bill to suppress Lotteries &c read the 3d time,

An ingrossed Bill to suppress Lotteries, and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming, was read the third time.

and passed.

RESOLVED, That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr McGillivray do carry the same to the Upper House, and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, January 18th 1764.

The House resolves into a Committee upon ye Peticon of ye Inhabitants of Savannah

The Order of the day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah for removing the Market; Motion was made, and the question put, that the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House on the first day of June next.

It passed in the Affirmative.

The Committee of the whole House further consider the Bill for the punishment of Vagabonds &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of the Bill for the Punishment of Vagabonds, and other idle and disorderly Persons, and for erecting Prisons or Places of Security in the several Parishes of this Province; and for preventing Trespasses on Lands of the Crown, or Lands reserved for the Indians, and for the more effectual suppressing and punishing Persons bartering with Indians in the Woods, according to the Order of the Day; and after sometime spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported they had made some further Progress in the said Bill, and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will, To-morrow Morn-

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, January 20th 1764.

The Committee further considers ye sd. Bill, & reports the Amendments made thereto

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Bill for the Punishment of Vagabonds and other idle, and disorderly Persons; and for erecting Prisons or places of Security in the several Parishes of this Province, and for preventing Trespasses on Lands of the Crown, or Lands reserved for the Indians; and for the more effectual suppressing and punishing Persons bartering with Indians in the Woods, according to the Order of the Day; and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Ewen from the Committee Reported, they had gone through the said Bill, and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now received.

Then Mr Ewen read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED, That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, January 21st 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

ORDERED, That Mr Noble Wimberly Jones do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for further amending an Act, intituled, An Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia

Leave given to bring in Bill to further amend Road Act.

ORDERED That Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr West be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill presented.

Then Mr Joseph Gibbons from the said Committee presented the said Bill to the House, ready prepared, and the same was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, January 27th 1764.

Same Bill read a second time and committed

The Bill for further amending an Act, intituled an Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, was read the second time, and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Estimate further considered

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th of Sepr 1764, the House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein the

Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had made some further Progress in the said Estimate, and that he was directed by the Committee (sic) that they may have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Estimate on Tuesday Morning next.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, January 28th 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning, ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, January 30th 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then Adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, January 31st, 1764.

Leave given to bring in Bill to enable Commissioners for repairing Christ Church to dispose of Materials &c.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, intituled, An Act for repairing of Christ Church in Savannah, to dispose of such Materials as have already been provided for re-

building the said Church in Savannah, and to place out at Interest the Monies arising by Sale thereof, together with the Monies provided by several Acts of Assembly for the repairing and rebuilding the said Church, and now in the hands of the Treasurer—

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Henry Yonge and Mr Milledge be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

House resolves into a Committee upon the Bill for further amending Road Act.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill for further amending an Act intitled, an Act to impower the Surveyors therein, mention'd to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Maxwell from the Committee reported, they had gone through the said Bill, and made some Amendments thereto; and he read the Amendments in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Estimate further considered

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th day of Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764, according to the Order of the Day; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had made some further Progress in the said Estimate, and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will, To-morrow Morn-

ing, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Estimate.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffebruary 1st 1764.

Estimate further considered

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th of Sepr 1763, & ending the 29th Sepr 1764; according to the Order of the Day; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Joseph Gibbons reported from the Committee that they had made some further Progress in the said Estimate, and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this House will, To-Morrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Estimate.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, ffebruary 2d 1764.

Letters &c from ye Agent read and approved of.

Motion was made that the Papers and Letters received from William Knox Esqr Provincial Agent by the Committee of Correspondce, and ordered to lie upon the Table, with the Answers of the Committee, be now read.

ORDERED, that the said Papers, Letters and Answers be now read;

And they were read accordingly:

And they were approved of by the House.

Mocon for Address to ye Govr. to thank him for his Measures for preventing the Grants of ye Govr. of So. Carolina for Lands to ye So. ward of ye Alatamaha, from taking place.

Motion was made that an Address of Thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor for his Assiduity in pursuing every proper Measure in his Power for preventing the pernicious Consequences which wou'd unavoidably ensue to this Province if the Grants of the Governor of South Carolina for the Lands to the South of the River Alatamaha shou'd take Place: And that a Message be sent to the Upper House to desire their Concurrence therein, and that they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in preparing the said Address.

The same resolved on.

RESOLVED, That such Address be prepared and presented to His Excellency, and that a Message be sent to the Upper House to desire their Concurrence therein, and that they will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of this House in preparing the same.

Committee to prepare same.

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Joseph Gibbons and Mr Henry Yonge be a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House in preparing the said Address.

ORDERED, That Mr Henry Yonge do carry the following Message to the Upper House.

Commons House of Assembly
ffeby 2d 1764.

Message to Upper House.

[For transcript of this Message agreeing to present Address of thanks to the Governor see Journal of Upper House 2. Feb.]

Mocon for Ordinance to continue Agent

Motion was made that an Ordinance be prepared to continue William Knox Esqr Provincial Agent for one year, from the first day of May 1764 to the first day of May 1765.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe, Mr Henry Yonge and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones do prepare the same.

Estimate further considered

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764, according to the Order of the day; and after some time spent therein, Mr Joseph Gibbons from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Estimate, which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same,

ORDERED, That the said Report be now made:

Then Mr Joseph Gibbons read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read, and is as follows, vizt

Report of the Committee thereupon

RESOLVED, that this Committee are of Opinion, That the Sum of Two Thousand, One hundred and seventeen Pounds, thirteen shillings and three farthings Sterling, be raised and granted to His Majesty for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764, to be issued by the Treasurer, by Order of the Governor and Council, in the following manner vizt

ffor defraying the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer, a Sum not exceeding One hundred and fifteen Pounds, that is to say,

To the Printer, his Salary from Septr 1763, to April 1765, one hundred and fifty pounds.

Certificates to be sunk pursuant to the ffortification Act, two hundred and twenty pounds.

To Hugh Ross's Acc^{t} for enforcing the quarantine Act, thirty five pounds.

A Gratuity to the Surveyors General for preparing two Maps of part of the province necessary to be had at the late Congress; each ten pounds ten shillings

ffor the Church at Augusta, fifty pounds.

ffrederick Closman, his Acc^{t} for bringing a ffelon to Jail, three pounds.

Alexander McDonald his Acc^{t} for summoning an Inquest, four pounds fourteen shillings.

To Thomas Red for a Horse killed in going Express on the publick Service, eleven pounds, eight shillings, and six pence.

To Henry Yonge Esqr his Acc^{t} two pounds, three shillings and three pence.

To William De Brahm Esqr for raising Lines of Circumvallation round the Town of Savannah in the year 1757, and for all his other publick services, forty two pounds.

To Jacob Hood for pursuing, apprehending and bringing to Goal, three ffelons, his Acc^{t} thirteen pounds two shillings and six pence.

ffor fitting up one of the Capionieres for a Work House, an additional Sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

the several ports of this province, after the rate of thirty shillings Sterling for every ship or vessel that shall be brought from sea into any of the ports of this province, and carried out by such pilot or pilots, (Vessels employed in the Coasting-Trade excepted,) a Sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds.

To Johnson and Wylly's Acc^{t} fourteen pounds seventeen shillings and four pence half penny.

To the Commissioners of the pilotage for repairing the pilot-House on St Catherine's Island, and other Conveniences for the same, a Sum, not exceeding fifteen pounds.

A Salary for a pilot at Midway, twenty pounds.

The Treasurer's Commissions at five per Cent: Ninety nine pounds four shillings and nine pence half penny.

Collector's Commissions on one thousand three hundred and eighty four pounds six shillings and one penny half penny, at two and half per Cent: thirty four pounds twelve shillings and one penny three farthings.

The House agrees to the Report

RESOLVED, That this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report.

Motion was made that for the future, the Speaker and eight Members do Make a House.

RESOLVED, That this House will consider of that Motion To-morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, ffebruary, 3d 1764.

Eight Members with the Speaker for the future to make a House.

The House took into Consideration the Motion made Yesterday, that for the future, the Speaker and eight members do make a House, and

RESOLVED, That for the future, The Speaker and eight Members do make a House.

Road act read a third time,

The ingrossed Bill for further amending an Act, intituled, an Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, was read the third time.

and passed.

RESOLVED, That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Joseph Gibbons do carry up the same to the Upper House, and desire their Concurrence.

Committee of Ways and Means appointed.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Sum of Two Thousand, one hundred and seventeen pounds thirteen shillings and three farthings Ster— for defraying the Expences of Government in the Province of Georgia, for one year, commencing the 29th Sepr 1763 and ending the 29th Sepr 1764.

ORDERED, That Mr Ewen, Mr Noble Wimberly Jones, Mr McGillivray, Mr Read, and Mr Henry Yonge be that Committee.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, ffebruary 4th 1764.

The House met according to adjournment, and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, ffebruary, 6th 1764.

Ordinance re-appointing Wm. Knox Esqr. Agent, read 1st Time.

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House, according to Order, An Ordinance, re-appointing William Knox Esqr, agent to sollicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain, and the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Message from the Upper House.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, that the Upper-House had passed the Bill to direct Executors and Administrators in the manner and method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates, and for allowing them and all other persons who shall or may be intrusted with the Care and Management of Minors and other Estates to charge Commissions thereon: and that the Upper-House had also passed the Bill to suppress Lotteries, and to prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming, with some amendments, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

Motion was made that the House do now take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bills.

RESOLVED, That this House will now take the said Amendments into Consideration

The House took the amendments made by the Upper-House to the said Bills into Consideration accordingly, and agreed thereto.

ORDERED, That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Yonge.

Commons House of Assembly
6th ffebr 1764

Honorable Gentlemen,

Message to the Upper-House.

This House having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill to direct Executors and Administrators in the manner and method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates; and for allowing them and all other persons who shall or may be intrusted with the Care and Management of Minors and other Estates to charge Commissions thereon; and also to the Bill to suppress Lotteries, and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming, have agreed to the several Amendments made by your House to the said Bills.

Ordinance read a second time and Committed

The Ordinance re-appointing William Knox Esqr Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this province in Great Britain was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Ordinance.

Agreed to without Amendment.

The House resolved into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Ordinance, and agreed thereto without any Amendment.

ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED, That the said Ordinance be ingrossed.

Clerk ordered to lay papers &c before ye House.

ORDERED, That the Clerk of this House do on Monday next lay before this House all papers in his Custody sorted in proper order of time, with the Journals of the proceedings of this House to the present Session.—

Mr. Deaveaux aded to Committee of Ways & Means.

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux be added to the Committee to consider Ways and Means for raising the Sum of Two thousand and one hundred and seventeen pounds, thirteen shillings and three farthings Sterling, for defraying the Expenses of Government in the province of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffebr 8th 1764.

Report of the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr Ewen from the Committee of Ways and Means to raise the Sum of Two Thousand one hundred and seventeen Pounds, thirteen shillings and three farthings Sterling for defraying the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year, commencing the 29th Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764, reported that the Committee had considered of Ways and Means for raising the said Sum, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; and he read them in his Place and afterwards delivered then in at the Table, where they were again read and agreed to by the House, and are as follow, Vizt

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that for raising the Sum of Two Thousand One hundred

and seventeen pounds, thirteen shillings and three farthings Sterling for defraying the necessary Charges of Government for one year commencing the 29th of Sepr 1763, and ending the 29th Sepr 1764, the Sum of Seven hundred Pounds be borrowed of the Commissioners for repairing Christ Church in Savannah at eight pounds per Cent per Ann. to be repaid by the Annual General Tax, with the Interest in equal Proportions, in seven years.

RESOLVED, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that for raising the remaining Sum of fourteen hundred and Seventeen pounds thirteen shillings and three farthings, a General Tax be laid in the following Manner, Vizt

On four hundred and forty thousand acres of Land, at, two shillings and six pence per Hundred acres, The Sum of ..... £	548..	15..	0
On four thousand six hundred and eight Negroes, at two shillings and six pence per Head	571..	0..	0
On Goods imported, bought for sixty thousand pounds, at seven shillings and six pence per Cent.....	225..	0..	0
On Money at Interest; ffifteen hundred Pounds at 12/ per Cent	9..	0..	0
On Town Lots, per Hundred pounds Value, at at (sic) 7/6	27..	0..	0
On Improvements thereon at 5/.....	22..	10..	0
On free negroes, say 20, at 15/ per head	15..	0..	0
	£1418..	5..	0
To be borrowed..... £	700..	0..	0
	£2118..	5..	0

Motion for leave to bring in Bill for rebuilding Court-House.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for appointing Commissioners to rebuild the Court-House in the Town of Savannah with Jury Rooms and other Conveniences necessary for the said House, and to impower the Commissioners to dispose of the Materials of the old Court House.

Ojected to.

The Motion being objected to, the Question was put, and it passed in the Affimative.

Resolved to be brot. in—

RESOLVED, That leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to that Motion, and that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Yonge and Mr Noble Wimberly Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

Motion for leave to bring in Tax Bill.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for granting to His Majesty the Sum of two thousand one hundred and seventeen pounds, thirteen shillings and three farthings Sterling for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia, for the year one thou (sic) seven hundred and sixty four, to be raised at certain Rates, and after the Method therein mentioned, and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears.

Committee appointed to prepare same.

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge, Mr Ewen, Mr Read and Mr Deveaux be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

Bill to enable Commrs. for repairing Christ Church to dispose of Materials &c read the first time.

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, intituled, an Act for repairing of Christ Church in Savannah to dispose of such Materials as have already been provided for rebuilding the said Church in Savannah and to place out at Interest the Monies arising by Sale thereof, together with the Monies provided by several Acts of Assembly for repairing and rebuilding of the said Church, and now in the Hands of the Treasurer; which

was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordinance read the third time

An Ordinance, re-appointing William Knox Esqr Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read the third time

and passed

RESOLVED, That the Ordinance do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Read do carry the same to the Upper-House, and desire their Concurrence.

Tax Bill presented, & read first time.

Mr Yonge presented to the House according to Order, a Bill for granting to His Majesty the Sum of two thousand one hundred and seventeen pounds, thirteen shillings and three farthings Sterling for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty four to be raised at certain Rates, and after the Method therein mentioned, and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears; which was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery,

Message from Upper House.

Upper House of Assembly,
8th ffeb^ry 1764.

[For transcript of this Message concurring in Resolution to prepare Address of thanks to the Governor with Names of Committee see Journal of Upper House 8 Feb 1764]

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Commons House of Assembly,
ffebruary 9th 1764.

Message to Upper House

[For transcript of this Message agreeing to Report of Committee on preparing Address of Thanks to the Governor see Journal of Upper House Feb 13. 1764]

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, ffebruary 10th 1764.

Tax Bill further considered, gone through and amended.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further the Bill for granting to His Majesty the Sum of two thousand one hundred and seventeen pounds, thirteen shillings and three farthings Sterling, for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year, one thousand seven hundred and sixty four, to be raised at certain Rates, and after the Method therein mentioned, and for the more effiectual collecting of Arrears, according to the Order of the day; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Henry Yonge from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be received on Monday Morning next.

Upper-House agrees to Bill for punishing Vagabonds &c with amendmts

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery, that the upper-House have passed the Bill for the Punishment of Vagabonds and other idle and disorderly Persons, and for erecting Prisons or Places of Se-

curity in the several Parishes of this Province; and for preventing Trespasses on Land of the Crown, or Lands reserved for the Indians and for the more effectual suppressing and punishing Persons bartering with Indians in the Woods, with some Amendments, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday ffebruary 11th 1764

The House met according to Adjournment, and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning, ten of Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday ffebruary, 13th 1764.

Bill to enable Commrs. for repairing Christ Church &c read 2d time & committed.

The Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed, in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, intituled, An Act for the repairing of Christ Church in Savannah, do dispose of such Materials as have already been provided for the rebuilding of the said Church in Savannah, and to place out at Interest the Monies arising by Sale thereof, together with the Monies provided by several Acts of Assembly for repairing and rebuilding of the said Church and now in the hands of the Treasurer was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill To morrow Morning.

House agrees to Amendmts. to the Bill for punishment of Vagabonds &c.

ORDERED, That Mr Read do acquaint the Upper House, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill for the punishment of Vagabons and other idle and disorderly Persons &c.

Upper-House agrees to Bill for amending Market Act with amendmts and to Ordinance without amendment.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting this House, that the Upper House had passed a Bill for further amending and explaining an Act, intituled, an Act for better regulating ye Market in the Town of Savannah, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House, And that the Upper House had agreed to the Ordinance re-appointing William Knox Esquire Agent for the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, without any Amendment.

Another Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery,

Message from Upper House

Upper House of Assembly
13th ffebruary 1764.

[For transcript of Message agreeing to Address of thanks to Governor see Upper House 13 February.]

ORDERED, That the Order of the day be Adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, ffebruary 14th 1764.

Amendmts. to Tax Bill reported and agreed to

Mr Henry Yonge from the Committee of the whole House reported, (according to Order,) the Amendments made by the Committee to the Bill for granting to His Majesty the Sum of Two thousand one hundred and

was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffebruary 15th 1764.

Market Bill read a 2d time & committed.

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for further amending and explaining an Act, intituled, An Act for better regulating the Market in the Town of Savannah, was read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill.

House resolves into a Committee upon said Bill, amend it, and the Amendmts. agreed to.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Jones from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made some Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the House.

Mas. in Chancery presents a Message from ye Govr. with several Lres. & an Affidt. concerning ye Murders committed by ye Indians at Long Canes, and Tugulkey's Talk—

The Master in Chancery presented to the House by Order of His Excellency the Governor, a Message from His Excellency, with the following Papers, vizt A Letter to His Excellency from Edward Barnard Esqr, dated Augusta, 28th December 1763; An Affidavit of Arthur Coody taken before Edward Barnard Esqr the same day; A letter to His Excellency from Mr George Galphin dated, January 5th 1764; Another Letter to His Ex-

will be spent in calling you together, and providing for such a Service.

JA: WRIGHT
Savannah in Georgia,
15th ffebr 1764.

And the Letter from Edward Barnard Esqr, was read, and is as follows, vizt

Augusta, 28th Decr 1763.

Sir,

Mr. Barnard's Lre. Late last night arrived, etc.

[For transcript see Minutes of Council 16 Jan 1764.]

And the Affidavit of Arthur Coody was read, and is as follows, vizt

Augusta in Georgia;

Coody's Affidavit Personally appeared Arthur Coody,

[For transcript see Minutes of Council 16 Jan 1764.]

purport of Mr. Galphin's letters Mr Galphin in his Letter to His Excellency dated 5th January 1764,

[For letter see Minutes of Council 16 Jan. 1764.]

Mr Galphin in his Letter to His Excellency dated 8th

[For letter see Minutes of Council 16 Jan. 1764.]

Tugulkey's Talk. [For letter see Minutes of Council 16 Jan. 1764.]

Tugulkey, alias, Young Twin.

P. S.

The fellows who have done the Murder are,

2 Cussitaws
2 Cowetaws
2 Tallisees
1 Oakfuskee.

Governor's Message &c considered.

RESOLVED, That His Excellency's Message together with the said papers be immediately taken into Consideration by the House. After some time spent therein; Motion was made that a Sum not exceeding five hundred Pounds Sterling be voted to be provided for by this House, to enable His Excellency to make provision for the Subsistence of such of the Militia as His Excellency shall think it expedient to order out on actual Service, in Case of a Rupture with the Indians, at six pence per day, each Man.

a Sum not exceeding 500. resolved to be provided for Subsistence for Militia in Case of Rupture with ye Indians

RESOLVED, Nemine Contradicente, That this House doth vote a Sum, not exceeding five hundred pounds Sterling, to be provided for by this House, to enable His Excellency the Governor to make provision for the Subsistence of such of the Militia of this Province, as His Excellency shall think it expedient to order out, and shall go on actual Service, in Case of a Rupture with the Indians, at six pence per day, each Man.

Upper House agrees to road Act with Amendments

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery, that they had agreed to the Bill for further amending an Act, intitled, An Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, with some Amendments, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, ffebruary 15th 1764.

Mr Yonge from the Committee of the whole House

Amendments made to Bill to enable Commrs. for repairing Christ Church to dispose of Materials &c, reported & agreed to

reported the Amendments made by the Committee, to the Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, intituled, An Act for the repairing of Christ Church in Savannah to dispose of such Materials as have already been provided for rebuilding of the said Church in Savannah, and to place out at Interest the Monies arising by Sale thereof together with the Monies provided by several Acts of Assembly for repairing and rebuilding of the said Church, and now in the hands of the Treasurer, according to the Order of the Day; and he read the Amendments in his place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

The Bill read the third time & passed

The said Bill was read the third time.

RESOLVED, That the said Bill do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Read to carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence.

Amendmts. to Road Act considered and agreed to.

The House took into Consideration the Amendmts made by the Upper House to the Bill for further amending an Act, intituled, An Act to impower the several Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia, and agreed thereto.

ORDERED, That Mr Yonge do acquaint the Upper-House that this House has agreed to the Amendments made by the Upper-House to the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday ffebruary, 17th 1764.

Market Bill read third time

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for further amending and explaining an Act, intituled, an Act for better regulating the Market in the Town of Savannah was read the third time, and several Amendments were made by the House to the said Bill.

and passed

RESOLVED, That the Bill with the Amendments, do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Read do carry the same up to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence.

Committee to inspect returns of Genl. Tax.—

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to inspect the Returns of the Collectors of the General Tax in the several Parishes of this Province for the years 1762 and 1763.

ORDERED, That Mr Ottolenghe Mr Read and Mr Jones be a Committee for that purpose; and they have power to send for persons Papers and Vouchers.

Tax Bill read the third time,

The Bill intitled An Act for granting to His Majesty the Sum of Two Thousand one hundred and seventeen pounds thirteen shillings and three farthings Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty four to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned, and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears, was read the third time.

and passed

RESOLVED, That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence

Mocon for Address to ye Govr. to desire he will Dissolve ye Genl. Assembly.

Motion was made that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor to desire he will be pleased to dissolve the General Assembly before the usual time of meeting in the ensuing ffall.

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare the same

ORDERED, That Mr Winn have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly for a Month.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper-House by Mr — (sic)

Commons House of Assembly
ffeby 17th 1764.

Honorable Gentlemen,

Messe to Upper House.

This House hath come to a Resolution, Nemine Contradicente to provide a Sum not exceeding the Sum of five hundred pounds Sterling, to enable His Excellency the Governor to make provision for the Subsistence of such of the Militia of this Province as shall be thought expedient by His Excellency to be ordered out, and go on actual Service, in Case of a Rupture with the Indians, at six pence per day each Man; to which Resolution this House doth desire your Concurrence.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, ffebruary 18th 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, ffebruary 20th 1764.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Message from the Upper House.

Upper House of Assembly
ffeby 20th 1764.

[For transcript of Message concurring in resolution to provide subsistence for Militia see Journal of the Upper House 20 February.]

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, ffebruary 21st 1764.

Message from the Upper House, that they had passed Bill to continue Act to prevent Mas. of Vessels from carrying off Debtors, and that they had agreed to Amendments to Market Bill.—

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery; that the Upper House had passed a Bill for further continuing an Act to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt from this Province; to which they desired the Concurrence of this House. And that the Upper House had agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill for further amending and explaining an Act intitled An Act for better regulating the Market in the Town of Savannah.

Ingrossed Bill to continue Act to prevent Mars. of Vessels from carrying off Debtors read first time.

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for further continuing an Act to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt from this Province, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Motion was made that the said Bill be now read a second time;

ORDERED, That the said Bill be now again read;

Read a second time and agreed to.

And the said Bill was read a second time according to Order and agreed to by the House without any Amendment.

Message to the Governor.

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux and Mr Milledge do wait on His Excellency the Governor with the following Message Vizt

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr, Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia.

May it please Your Excellency,

The Commons House of Assembly having taken into Consideration Your Excellency's Message to the House, the 15th Instant, and being extremely sensible how necessary it is to enable Your Excellency to make provision for the Subsistence of such of the Militia as may be thought expedient by Your Excellency to be ordered out, and go on actual Service, in Case of a Rupture with the Indians; This House hath unanimously resolved to provide a Sum, not exceeding five hundred pounds for that purpose, at six pence by the Day for each Man.

The Committee to prepare Address to the Govr. to dissolve the Assembly, make their Report.

Mr Deveaux from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Governor, to desire he will be pleased to Dissolve the General Assembly, before the usual time of Meeting in the ffall, reported they had prepared an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House, when the House will be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Deveaux read the Report in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED, That the said Address be ingrossed.

The said Address being ingrossed was read in the following Words, Vizt

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia, Chancellor and Vice-Admiral of the same.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please Your Excellency

The address.

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia beg leave to represent to your Excellency that this present Assembly having continued for three years, and there being no provision made in the Election Law for limiting its duration, we are therefore under the Necessity of earnestly requesting Your Excellency to dissolve the General Assembly before the usual Time of Meeting in the ensuing ffall, as it wou'd not only be inconvenient for many of the Members of the Commons House, but even highly detrimental to their private Affairs, if they were obliged to give their Attendance during any longer Period.

We cannot let Slip this Opportunity of testifying the grateful Sense we have of your Excellency's ready and chearful Concurrence with us in every Measure proposed by us for promoting the true Interests of this Province: and we hope that the remarkable Unanimity which has subsisted betwixt all the Branches of the Legislature, and

our having co-operated heartily with your Excellency in every Matter you have been pleased to recommend to us, will be an incontestible proof of the Opinion which the Representatives of the people have of the Wisdom and Uprightness of your Administration; and it gives them the greatest pleasure to find their Judgment on this important point confirmed and supported by the general Voice of the people.

ORDERED, That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address:

And he signed the same accordingly

RESOLVED, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

ORDERED, That Mr Deveaux and Mr Ewen do wait on His Excellency and acquaint him, that this House having an Address to present to His Excellency desires to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the House therewith.

Mr Deveaux and Mr Ewen waited on His Excellency according to order and being returned Mr Deveaux informed the House that his Excellency was pleased to say, when the House pleases.

Then Mr Speaker with the whole House went and attended His Excellency with their Address; and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had presented their Address to His Excellency, to which he was pleased to return the following answer, vizt

Gentlemen,

The Governor answer.

Altho' the duration of Assemblies is not fixed to any particular period in this province, yet it is not to be supposed that a Governor will ever exercise any part of his power injuriously to the people: and hope whilst I

have the Honor to preside here, I never shall. The remarkable Unanimity which has hitherto subsisted amongst us, must afford great Satisfaction. I thank you for your chearful concurrence and support in every Matter I have at any time thought necessary to recommend to you, and think myself very much obliged to you for the generous Sense you express of a general Approbation of my Conduct, and you may rest assured that agreeable to your Request, I shall dissolve the present Assembly and order Writs to be issued for the choice of another before the usual time of going on Business in the ffall.

JA: WRIGHT.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffebruary 22d 1764.

Bill to continue Act to prevent carrying off Debtors read 3d time & passed

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for further continuing an Act to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off persons in debt from this Province, was read the third time

RESOLVED, That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Jones do carry the same to the upper-House and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the said Bill without any Amendment.

Bill for rebuilding Court House presented, and read the first time.

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for appointing Commissioners to rebuild the Court-House in the Town of Savannah, with Jury Rooms and other Conveniences necessary for the said House, and to impower the said Commissioners to dis-

pose of the Materials of the Old Court-House; wch was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Motion was made that the said Bill be now read a second time.

ORDERED, That the said Bill be now again read.

Read a second time and committed.

And the said Bill was read a second time accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

Amended by the Committee, and the Amendments reported and agreed to

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly, and after some time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Jones from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill, and made some Amendments thereto; and he read the Amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED, That the said Bill, with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Upper House agree to Bill to enable the Commrs. for repairing Christ Church to dispose of Materials &c without Amendments.

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery: that the Upper-House had agreed to the Bill, to enable the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province intituled, an Act for the repairing of Christ Church in Savannah, to dispose of such Materials as have already been provided for rebuilding the said Church in Savannah, and to place out at Interest the Monies arising by Sale thereof, together with the Monies provided by several Acts of Assembly for repairing and rebuilding of the said

Church, and now in the Hands of the Treasurer, without any Amendments.

Resolution as to Directions to be given by Committee of Correspondce to the agent.

RESOLVED, Tha. the Committee of Correspondence with William Knox Esqr Agent for the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain be directed to acquaint him with the present critical Situation of Indian Affairs, and to instruct him to renew his Application for Military Stores and to sollicit such other Aid as may be necessary for the Protection and Defence of this Province in Case of an actual Rupture with the Indians: And also to instruct him to make Application to the Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts for a Minister for the Town of Augusta in the Parish of Saint Paul in this Province: And likewise to instruct him to inquire into the nature of Alderman Baker's Claim to a Barony of Land in this Province, granted or allotted in parcels to divers persons by the late Trustees for establishing the Colony of Georgia and since by the Crown; and if he shall find the same allowed, to make proper Application for Relief from the Crown.

Report of Mr. Barnard and Mr. Milledge.

Mr Barnard, who with Mr Milledge, was ordered to wait on His Excellency the Governor with the Message of the 21st Instant, reported they had presented the same; to which His Excellency was pleased to return for Answer, that he was obliged to the House.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday, ffebruary 23^d 1764.

The Bill for appointing Commissioners to rebuild the

Bill to enable Commrs. to dispose of Materials &c read 3d time,

Court-House in the Town of Savannah with Jury Rooms and other Conveniences necessary for the said House, and to impower the Commissioners to dispose of the Materials of the old Court-House, was read the third time.

and passed.

RESOLVED, That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED, That Mr Jones do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence

ORDERED, That Mr Jones do carry up the following Message to the Upper-House, Viz:

Message to Upper House.

Commons House of Assembly,
ffebruary 23d 1764.

[For transcript of this Message concerning correspondence with Wm Knox see Upper House Feb 23d 1764.]

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

ffriday, ffebruary 24th 1764.

Message from Upper House.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House of Assembly,
ffebruary 24th 1764.

Mr Speaker,

In Answer to your Message of Yesterday, desiring the Concurrence of this House to the Resolution you had come to to direct the Committee of Correspondence with William Knox Esquire, Agent for the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain, to acquaint him with the pres-

ent critical Situation of Indian Affairs, and to instruct him to renew his Application for military Stores and to solliciit such other Aid as may be necessary for the Protection and Defence of this Province, in case of an actual Rupture with the Indians; And also to instruct him to make Application to the Society for propagating the Gospel in fforeign Parts for a Minister for the Town of Augusta, and Parish of St Paul in this Province, and likewise to instruct him to inquire into the nature of Alderman Baker's Claim to a Barony of Land in this Province, granted, or allotted in parcels to divers persons by the late Trustees for establishing the Colony of Georgia, and since by the Crown: and if he shall find the same allowed to make proper application for Relief from the Crown; This House doth concur with your House in the said Resolution.

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday, ffebruary 25th 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment, and then Adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, ffebruary 27th 1764.

Upper-House agree to Bill to rebuild Court House without Amendment.

A Message from the Upper-House by the Master in Chancery; that the Upper-House had agreed to the Bill for appointing Commissioners to rebuild the Court-House in the Town of Savannah, with Jury Rooms, and other Conveniences necessary for the said House; and

to impower the said Commissioners to dispose of the Materials of the old Court-House; without any Amendment.

Both Houses present their Joint-Address to the Governor to thank him for the Measures by him taken in relation to the Lands beyond the Alatamaha.

Mr Speaker, with the whole House, together with the Upper-House waited on His Excellency with the Address of both Houses, to thank His Excellency for his Assiduity in pursuing every proper Measure in his power for preventing the pernicious Consequences which wou'd unavoidably ensue to this Province, if the Grants of the Governor of South Carolina for the Lands to the South of the River Altamaha shou'd take place; and being returned, Mr Speaker reported, that both Houses had attended His Excellency, and presented their Address; and that His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer thereto, Vizt

The Governor's Answer

[For transcript see Upper House Feb 24 1764]

And then the House Adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday, ffebruary 28th 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till to-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, ffebruary 29th 1764.

Message from the Governor.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor, by the Master in Chancery:

Mr Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber, immediately.

The House attends His Excellency in the Council Chamber where he assents to several Bills, & an Ordinance.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went up to attend the Governor in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give His Assent to the following Bills, Vizt

[Here follows List of Acts the same, though in slightly different order as in Journal of the Upper House Feb. 29. 1764]

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses, vizt

Gentlemen of the Council,

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

Governor's Speech at the Close of the Session.

Before I put an end to, etc.

[For transcript see Journal of Upper House Feb 29]

Savannah,
Council Chamber,
ffeb: 29th 1764.

And then His Excellency said:

Gentlemen,

He prorogues the Assembly—

I now prorogue this General Assembly until Tuesday the Tenth day of July next; and the same is accordingly hereby prorogued until that time.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

GEORGIA

JOURNAL.

Of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Session of the sixth General Assembly of the said Province convened at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the Twentieth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four by His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same. Examined and Compared with the original Minutes

By

SAM[L] FARLEY.
Dep[y] Clk. C. H.

In the Gov[r's] Letter
of 12 August 1765.

Great Seal taken off by S. B.

Journal of the Commons' House

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Session of the sixth General Assembly of the said Province convened at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the Twentieth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four by His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

Several Members meet

The following Members being met pursuant to the several Writs of Election and Returns, namely.

Joseph Ottolenghe
Noble Wimberly Jones
Alexander Wylly
John Milledge
} Esquires for the Town and District of Savannah in the Parish of Christ Church.

Sir Patrick Houston Bart^t for Vernonburgh in the Parish of Christ Church.

Henry Bourquin Esquire for Little-Ogechee in the Parish of Christ Church.

Richard Cunningham Crooke, Esquire for Great Ogechee in the Parish of Saint Philip.

Thomas Burrington, Esquire for the Town and District of Halifax in the Parish of St George.

William Ewen
John Adam Treutlen
} Esquires for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the Parish of St Matthew.

Message from th Governor with a Commission to 4 of ye Members impowering them to administer the State Oaths &ca.

The Master in Chancery delivered to the Clerk of the House by Order of His Excellency the Governor a Commission directed to Joseph Ottolenghe Noble Wimberly Jones Alexander Wylly and John Milledge Esquires the Members elected and returned to serve in General Assembly for the Town and District of Savannah which Commission was read in the following Words, vizt

GEORGIA By His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majestys said Province Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

To Joseph Ottolenghe Noble Wimberly Jones Alexander Wylly and John Milledge Esquires. Greeting.

Whereas His most sacred Majesty in and by His Royal

Commission to me. under the Great Seal of Great Britain hath amongst other things directed that the several Persons duly elected to serve as members of the General Assembly of this Province shall before their sitting take the Oaths mentioned and appointed to be taken by an Act passed in the first Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the first intituled "An Act for the "further Security of His Majesty's Person and Govern-"ment and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs of "the late Princess Sophia being Protestants and for ex-"tinguishing the Hopes of the pretended Prince of Wales "and his open and secret Abettors" and also make and subscribe the Declaration mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in the twenty-fifth year of the Reign of King Charles the Second intitled "An Act for preventing Dan-"gers which may happen from Popish Recusants" which said Oaths and Declaration I am by the said Commission authorised and impowered to commissionate fit Persons under the Seal of the Province aforesaid to tender and administer to the said several Persons so elected. And it is hereby declared that until the same be so taken and subscribed no Person shall be capable of Sitting tho' elected I therefore Reposing special Trust and Confidence in the Integrity Care and Circumspection of you the said Joseph Ottolenghe Noble Wimberly Jones Alexander Wylly and John Milledge Have commissionated and appointed and pursuant to the Powers vested in me as aforesaid Do give unto you or any two or more of you full power and authority to tender and administer the Oaths and Declaration aforesaid to the several Persons elected or that may hereafter be elected to serve as Members of the General Assembly aforesaid and to see them severally subscribe the said Declaration when and as often as the same shall be requisite and necessary to be done And you the said Joseph Ottolenghe Noble Wimberly Jones Alexander Wylly and John Milledge are

hereby required to make a due Return of your Proceedings by Virtue of this Commission from time to time unto me under your Hands and Seals with the Names of such Members as have been duly qualified before you as aforesaid. This Commission to continue during Pleasure.—

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of His Majesty's Province of Georgia aforesaid the sixteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty four and in the fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord King George the Third.

JA: WRIGHT.

Secretary's Office.

By his Excellency's Command.

John Talley D. Sec^y

Recorded in Book C. fo. 141.

Members qualify

And thereupon the several Members returned took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and also proved themselves duly qualified to serve as Representatives according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of the said Province passed the 29th day of June 1761 intituled "An Act to ascertain the Manner and Form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the Common House of Assembly" and then took their Seats.

Message from the Governor

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

Gentlemen,

His Excellency the Governor desires you will proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

Members choose a Speaker

Whereupon the Members unanimously chose Alexander Wylly Esquire their Speaker who was conducted to the Chair

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday, November 21st 1764

Committee to present Speaker to the Governor

Mr Jones and Mr Ottolenghe were ordered to attend His Excellency and acquaint him that the House had made Choice of a Speaker and desired to know when they should attend His Excellency to present him who returning reported that His Excellency was pleased to say immediately.

Committee report Governor's Approbation of him.

Mr Jones and Mr Ottolenghe were appointed a Committee to attend His Excellency with the Speaker elect and present him to His Excellency for his Approbation They attended and presented him accordingly and being returned reported that they had attended his Excellency with Mr Speaker and presented him to his Excellency for his Approbation who had been pleased to approve of him and then Mr Speaker informed the House he had desired His Excellency would be pleased to grant this House the usual and accustomed privileges of a British House of Representatives in his Majesty's Colonies to which his Excellency had been pleased to answer that he would grant this House every Priviledge heretofore enjoyed by any Assembly of this Province.

Message from the Governor

A Message was brought from His Excellency by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Then Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber where his Excellency had been pleased to make an Affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly of which to prevent Mistakes he had obtained a Copy and the same was read by the Clerk and is as follows viz[t]

Governors Speech to both Houses

[For transcript of Speech see Journal of Upper House 21 Nov 1764]

Savannah in Georgia—
Council Chamber—
the 21st of November 1764 } JA: WRIGHT.

RESOLVED That an humble Address of Thanks be presented to his Excellency for his Speech to both Houses of Assembly.

Committee to draw up Address of Thanks.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Jones be a Committe to prepare the same.

Motion for Committee to inquire what Laws are expiring &ca.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to inquire what Laws are expired or near expiring and which of them are proper to be revived or continued and report the same with their Opinion thereon to the House.

Committee for that Purpose

ORDERED That Mr Milledge Mr Crooke and Mr Burrington be a Committe for that Purpose.

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to Amend

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Ballast &c. being thrown into ye River

an Act intituled An Act to prevent Persons throwing Ballast or Rubbish or falling Trees into the Rivers and navigable Creeks within this Province and for keeping clear the Channels of the same.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Milledge be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday November 22d 1764.

A Packet from the Assembly of Massachusets Bay to the House opened & read

A Packet directed to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Georgia was opened and a Letter therein inclosed was read in the following Words

Boston June 25th 1764.

Sir,

The House of Representatives of His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay at the Session of the General Assembly in May last being informed of the late Act of Parliament relating to the Sugar Trade with the foreign Colonies and the Resolutions of the House of Commons relating to the Stamp Duties and other Taxes proposed to be laid on the British Colonies were humbly of Opinion that those Measures have a Tendency to deprive the Colonists of some of their most essential Rights as British Subjects and as Men particularly the Right of assessing their own Taxes and being free from any Impositions but such as they consent to by themselves or Representatives.

Our Agent informs us that in a Conference he had with Mr Greenville on these Subjects he was told that the Ministrey were desirous of consulting the Ease the Quiet and Goodwill of the Colonies

Such Expressions induce us to hope that there is nothing punctive in these Measures and that humble dutiful Remonstrances may yet have their Effect But if while these Things are thus publickly handled no Claim is made no Remonstrance preferred on the Part of the Colonies such Silence must be interpreted a tacit Cession of their Rights and an Humble Acquiescence under all these Burdens.

The House have Wrote fully upon this Subject to the Agent of this Province and directed him to remonstrate against these Measures and to endeavour a Repeal of said Act and if possible to prevent the Imposition of any further Duties and Taxes on the Colonies For this Purpose they were desirous of the united Assistance of the several Colonies in a Petition against such formidable Attacks upon what they conceive to be the inseperable Rights of British Subjects and that the Agents of the several Colonies might be directed by the Representatives of the People on the Continent of North America to unite in the most serious Remonstrance against Measures so destructive of the Liberty the Commerce and Prosperity of the Colonists and in their Tendency so pernicious to the Real Interest of Great Britain.

The House have done us the Honor to appoint us a Committee in the Recess of the General Court to inform the several Houses of Representatives of this Continent

of their Desires and We do ourselves the Honour to subscribe our selves,

Your most

Humble Servants,

JAMES OTIS—
THOMAS CUSTRING—(sic)
OXENBRIDGE THACHER—
THOMAS GRAY—
EDW^d SHEAFFE—

A Paper also inclosed in the said Packet containing certain orders of the House of Representatives of His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay was also read as follows.—

In the House of Representatives,

June 13th 1764—

The Committee appointed to consider the Letters from Mr Agent Maudiut reported the Draught of a Letter to him which was read and accepted and

ORDERED That a fair Draft thereof be transmitted to said Agent together with the state of the Rights of the British Colonies and that he be informed that said State was drawn up by one of the House and to be improved by him as he shall judge proper.

ORDERED That Mr Otis Mr Thatcher Mr Custring (sic) Captain Sheaffe and Mr Gray be a Committee in the Recess of the Court to write to the other Governments to acquaint them with the Instructions this Day voted to be sent to the Agent of this Province directing him to use his Endeavours to obtain a Repeal of the Sugar Act and to exert himself to prevent a Stamp Act or any

other Impositions and Taxes upon this and the other American Provinces and that the said Commitee in the Name and Behalf of this House desire the several Assemblies on this Continent to join with them in the same Measures.—

Attr R. Cotton Cler. Dom. Rep.

Mr Speaker laid before the House a Letter delivered to him by His Excellency the Governor which his Excellency received from the Right Honorable the Lord Halifax one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State and the same was read in the following Words, vizt

St James' August 11th 1764.

Sir,

Letter from Lord Hallifax to ye Govr.

It being of great Importance and Advantage to His Majesty's Service and to the commercial Interest and general Convenience of His Majesty's Subjects in North America that the Conveyance of Letters by the Post sho'd be facilitated and extended throughout the Colonies upon that extensive Continent His Majestys Post Master General is concerting Measures for those Purposes and it cannot be doubted but the Legislatures of the several Colonies will readily and chearfully contribute to the Success of a Plan from which they may expect to derive the benefit of a regular safe and speedy Correspondence I am commanded to signify his Majesty's pleasure that you should recommend it to the Assembly of the Colony under your Government to provide for the Establishment of Ferries and erecting proper Buildings on the Water side whereever the same may be found necessary that the Posts may meet with no Delays or Interruptions in passing.

His Majesty's Post Master General having also repre-

sented that a Map of the Province under your Government with the present Course of the Post throughout the same clearly marked out would be of great Use to him in the present Undertaking I am to desire that you will procure and transmit such a Map together with the State of such Alterations as you apprehend to be wanting for the better Regulation and Improvement of the said Posts And you will give your constant Aid and Support to the Post-Masters within your Government in the Execution of their Office which is so immediately calculated for the Public Benefit. —

I am with great Truth and Regard

Sir / Your most Obedient Humble Servant

DUNK HALLIFAX.

To James Wright Esquire
Governor of Georgia—

ORDERED That the said Letters and Papers do lie upon the Table for the Perusal of the Members of this House.

Committee to draw up Address of Thanks report the same

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address of Thanks to his Excellency reported they had prepared one accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now made, then Mr Ottolenghe in his place read the same and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read.

Motion being made that the said Address be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House,

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Address into Consideration

House resolves itself into a Committee upon the sd. Address

The House resolved it self into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported that they had considered the said Address and made some Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

agreed to & ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Report be now received, Then Mr Crooke read the same in his place and afterward delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Address with the Amendments be ingrossed

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Fryday November 23d 1764.

Thanks of ye House to Wm. Clifton Esqr.

RESOLVED That the Thanks of this House be given to the Honorable William Clifton Esquire late Attorney General of this Province and now Chief Justice of West Florida for his upright Conduct in his Office as well as in all other Publick Employments and that Mr Speaker do signify the same to him by Letter.

The ingrossed Address to His Excellency was read in the following Words, Vizt

To His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same.—

The humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency

Address to His Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of his Majesty's Province of Georgia in General Assembly met return your Excellency our most sincere and unfeigned thanks for your Speech to both houses of Assembly.

Permit us Sir to acknowledge the very grateful and sincere sence we have of the happiness we enjoy under your equitable and mild administration.

Your Excellency's tender care and human endeavours to prevent the spreading of that dreadful distemper the small pox as soon as it unhappily broke out amongst us demands our own most grateful acknowledgments.

We should be very much wanting in duty to our most gracious Sovereign if we omitted to testify on this occasion the lively sense we have of his Majesty's royal favour to this Province in annexing so considerable a territory thereunto We heartily congratulate your Excellency on the extension of your jurisdiction and join with you in opinion that it is extremely expedient we should frame a Bill for the enforcement of all our general laws to and throughout the same and agreeable to your Excellency's recommendation shall endeavour to revise and correct the Militia and Negro Laws that they may more effectually answer the good ends proposed.

We highly approve of the plan now concerting by his

Majesty's Post-master-General for the Establishment of a regular post throughout the Colonies to promote which nothing in our power consistent with the Abilities of our Constituents shall be wanting.

With equal readiness we shall take under consideration what your Excellency has been further pleased to recommend to us with respect to the ruinous state of Fort Augusta and of the Gaurd-house in Savannah and we only wish that the circumstances of this Province did correspond with our real desires to comply with every recommendation signified to us by your Excellency.

The satisfaction your Excellency discovers in communicating to us the happy situation of our Indian affairs convinces us of your great regard to the real Welfare and interest of this province and we in the most grateful manner acknowledge the obligation we are under to your Excellency for preserving us in so tranquil a state as to have rendered useless the vote of Credit with which you were so worthily intrusted.

We shall take under Consideration the produce of the last years tax and for the necesary services of the current year we will chearfully provide. We shall use our utmost endeavours to give such dispatch to the publick business that the attendance thereon may not become injurious or burthensome to any of the members and doubt not that the same will be conducted with that temper unanimity and confidence that has hitherto proved so conducive to the welfare of this province.

By order of the House.

ALEXANDER WYLLY, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly
November 23d 1764.

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Milledge do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him that this House having an Address to present to his Excellency desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended therewith.

They waited on his Excellency accordingly and being returned reported that they had waited on his Excellency according to order and delivered the Message and that his Excellency was pleased to say he should be ready to receive the House with their Address immediately.

House wait on the Govr. with the Address

Then Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency and presented their Address and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had waited on his Excellency and presented their Address to which his Excellency had been pleased to return the following Answer.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

his Excellencey's Answer

I am very much obliged to you for this Address and the disposition you shew to provide for the several Matters recommended by me and to concur in such Measures as appear to be for His Majesty's Service and the Welfare of the Province— These Things cannot but be very acceptable to me and manifest that Spirit which will I doubt not be applauded by your Constituents and I must not omit Gentlemen to return you my best Thanks for your kind Approbation of my past Conduct

JA: WRIGHT.

Govr. desired to adjourn ye House

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Milledge do wait on his Excellency and desire leave for this House to adjourn till Tuesday Morning next who re-

turning reported his Excellency was pleased to give the House leave accordingly—

And then the House Adjourned till Tuesday Morning next Nine o'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday November 27th 1764

House meets Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the spreading of the small Pox

The House met according to Adjournment Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to Amend an Act intituled An Act to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the Small Pox in this Province.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Crooke be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Rules of the House

ORDERED That the following Rules be the standing Rules of the House

First That the Assembly be supposed not met except the Speaker be present.

Second That every Member meet precisely at the Time appointed and if any Member comes not till fifteen Minutes after the Hour the House was adjourned to once, at he shall be subject to such censure or Fine as the House may judge proper.

Third That five be a Quorum to meet and adjourn and send for absent Members.

Fourth That the Speaker by order of the House shall issue his Warrant to take into Custody and confine such Members or other Persons as misbehave themselves.

Fifth That the Speaker and Eight Members make a

Quorum to act as if all the Members were present and to proceed to all Business.

Sixth. No Member may depart the House on any pretence without leave of the House first had and obtained by the Speaker.

Seventh That any Person in Custody or under Censure of the House be not otherwise admitted than by Petition Members of the House excepted who are to have admittance on Application of another Member.—

Eighth That all Persons taken into Custody pay the Messenger Ten Shillings and the Clerk Two Shillings and Six pence each Day such Person shall remain in Custody.

Ninth That if any Member shall treat with Contempt or Disobedience any order of this House or Warrant sent to him he shall be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

Tenth That all Persons who will Question any Return of a Member or Members are to do it within fourteen Days next after such return made and so within fourteen Days next after any new Return shall be brought in— That all Days of Adjuarnment or Prorogation be not deemed or considered as any part of the Time within the meaning of this Rule.

Eleventh That when any Thing shall come in Question touching the Return Election or Matter of Priviledge of any Member he is to withdraw during the Time the Matter is in Debate and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.—

Twelfth That all Persons ordered to attend this House

or any Committee thereof are under the Protection of this House in coming staying and returning.

Thirteenth To prevent any Misunderstanding in the House no Person shall be liable to answer for a Motion made or Words spoken in the House unless it be immediately before the House adjourn itself.

Fourteenth That when the House is in a Committee of the whole House the Door shall be locked and the Key laid upon the Table before the Chairman and if any Member presume to go from the Committee without Leave he shall incur the Censure of the House.

Fifteenth That the Speaker appoint the Committee with the Approbation of the House and if any Dispute arise the Committee shall be balloted for by the House the Member that made the Motion or proposed and the Member that seconded it being always two of that Committee—

Sixteenth That at a Committee any Member tho not of the Committee is not excluded from coming in and speaking but cannot Vote—

Seventeenth That none are to speak at a Conference but those that are of the Committee.

Eighteenth That when any Report is made from a Committee all the Members of that Committee are to stand up.

Nineteenth That every Bill before it pass be read three Times with its Amendments.

Twentieth That no Bill be read more than Once in the same Day except in Cases of Emergency which is to be determined by the Unanimous Consent of the House then present—

Twenty-first That no Bill having the same Title of a Bill brought in and rejected can be brought in the same Session—

Twenty-second No private Bill shall be brought into this House until the House be informed of the Matter therein contained by Petition to this House for Leave to bring in such Bill and that when any Committee shall be appointed on a private Bill Notice thereof be affixed on the Doors of this House fourteen Days before the meeting of the said Committee—

Twenty-third That the Speaker when he Speaks to the House is always to stand up and that the Speaker be not allowed to perswade or diswade in any debate or in passing of a Bill only to make a short Narrative of the Bill opening the parts of it so that all may understand it If any Question be put upon the Bill he is to explain but not to enter into Argument or Dispute and he is not to Vote except the House be equally divided When Mr Speaker desires to speak he is to be heard without Interruption and when the Speaker stands up the Member standing up is to sit down If two stand up to speak he that was first up is to be first heard which is to be determined by Mr Speaker No Member is to be taken down unless by Mr Speaker in such Cases as the House do not think fit to admit and if any Person speak impertinently or beside the Question the Speaker is to interrupt him and know the Pleasure of the House whether he shall be further heard—

Twenty-fourth The Speaker is not to adjourn the House or do any thing else as the Mouth of the House without the Consent of the House first had excepting the ordinary things about Bills—

Twenty-fifth Every Member that makes a Motion or

speaks is to stand up and address himself to the Speaker and is not to name the Members of the House commonly by their Names but the Gentlemen that spoke last or other Note of Distinction—

Twenty-sixth That when a Question hath been intirely put by the Speaker no Member is to speak to the Question before Voting—

Twenty-seventh That no Member speak more than twice in the House to any Bill at any one time of reading or to any other Proposition or Motive without Leave of the House—

Twenty-eighth No order or Resolution shall be entered by the Clerk till the speaker first obtain the Assent of the House—

Twenty-ninth That the Minutes be first entered in a Book and the Minutes of the Day be read before an Adjournment be made and the Minutes of the proceeding Day shall be read before any Business be gone upon and the Minutes of the Week being entered fair in another Book shall be read every Monday Morning before any other Business be Introduced—

Thirtieth That if any Member of the House shall go off the Province without Leave of the House if sitting or without acquainting the Speaker with his Intention of so doing in Case the House be not sitting or having had leave to go off the Province shall not return within the Time limitted for such Leave shall be expelled—

Thirty-first That no Door-keeper or Messenger attending the House do presume to stay within the Doors of this House when sitting except ordered so to do—

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday November 28th 1764

Committee for Previleges and Elections appointed

ORDERED That Mr Ewen Mr Ottolenghe Sir Patrick Houstoun Mr Milledge and Mr Crooke be a Committee of Priviledges and Elections and they are to take into Consideration all such Matters as shall or may come in Question touching Returns Elections and Priviledges and to report their proceedings with their Opinions thereupon to the House from Time to Time and they are to have Power to send for Persons Papers and Records for their Information—

Motion for Address to the Governor to elect a new Member.

Motion was made that an Address be presented to his Excellency to desire he will be pleased to give Directions for the issuing of a Writ to elect a Member to serve in General Assembly for the Town and District of Halifax in the room of John Thomas who is not duly qualified to serve he not being seized of five hundred Acres of Land in this Province in his own Right

An Address was drawn up and presented to his Excellency accordingly who was pleased to say he would give the necessary Directions for issuing a new Writ.

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill for government of Negroes &ca.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for the better ordering and governing of Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent inveighling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers—

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion for Leave to bring in Militia Bill

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for the better ordering the Militia of this Province—

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Treutlen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Bill to prevent the spreading of the small Pox presented and read 1st Time.

Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled An Act to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the small pox in this Province reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time—

Motion was made that the said Bill be now read a second time—

Read 2d Time

ORDERED That the said Bill be now read a second time. And it was read a second Time accordingly—

Motion was made that the said Bill be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House—

and Committed

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the said Bill To morrow Morning—

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday November 29th 1764—

Persons returned as representatives to qualify, agreable to the Tenor of the Election Act, prior to taking the State Oaths.

RESOLVED That all Persons elected and returned to serve as Representatives in the Commons House of Assembly of this Province do before their taking the Oaths and making and subscribing the Declaration prescribed to be taken and made and subscribed in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission to his Excellency the Governor prove themselves duly qualified to serve as Rep-

resentatives in the Commons House of Assembly before the Commissioners duly impowered by his Excellency the Governor to tender and administer the said Oaths and Declaration to the several Persons so elected and returned according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province intituled An Act to ascertain the Manner and Form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly.

Mr. Braddock qualifys & takes his Seat.

David Cutler Braddock Esquire elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for the Village of Acton in the Parish of Christ Church proved himself duly qualified to serve as Representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House—

ORDERED That the order of the Day be adjourned over till Tomorrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Fryday November 30th 1764

Edwd. Barnard & J. F. Williams do so likewise

Edward Barnard and John Francis Williams Esquires elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representatives for the Town and District of Augusta in the Parish of Saint Paul severally proved themselves duly qualified to serve according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province

and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took their Seats as Members of this House.

Henry Cunningham disqualified from taking his Seat

Henry Cunningham Esquire elected and returned to serve one of the Representatives in General Assembly for the Town and District of Augusta in the Parish of Saint Paul being called upon to prove himself duly qualified to serve according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province declared he could not for that he had not been resident in this Province twelve Months before the Date of the Writ of Election upon which he was returned: whereupon the Oaths were refused to be tendered him—

House resolves into a Committee to consider Small Pox Bill

The Order of the Day being read the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill to amend An Act intituled An Act to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the small Pox in this Province and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Bill on Monday Morning next.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday December the 1st 1764

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday December the 3d 1764

The Order of the day being read the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill to amend an Act intituled An Act to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the Small Pox in this Province and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and Made several Amendments thereto which he read in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House—

The House further considered Bill

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed—

The Bill ordered to be ingrossed

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday December the 4th 1764.

read 3d Time

The ingrossed Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the Small Pox in this Province was read the third Time—

and passes

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday December the 5th 1764

Motion for Address to his Excelly to elect a new member

Motion was made that an Address be presented to His Excellency to desire he will be pleased to give Directions for issuing a Writ to elect a Member to serve in General Assembly for the Town and District of Augusta in the Parish of Saint Paul in the room of Henry Cunningham Esquire he not being duly qualified to serve as a Representative not having been resident in this Province twelve Months before the Date of the Writ of Election upon which he was returned—

An Address was drawn up and presented to His Excellency accordingly who was pleased to say he would give Directions for issuing a new Writ—

Order for call of ye House

ORDERED That there be a Call of this House on Wednesday next and that the Clerk do give notice thereof by Letter to the Absent Members—

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe have leave of Absence To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday December 6th 1764.

Estimate presented by order of the Governor.

The Master in Chancery laid before the House by Order of His Excellency the Governor An Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year commencing the 29th September 1764, and ending the 29th September 1765.

ORDERED That the said Estimate do lie upon The Table to be perused by the Members of the House—

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Laws

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to extend and enforce the Authority of the several Laws therein mentioned to and throughout the Territory lately annexed to this Province for dividing the same into Parishes and for adding the Island of Jekyl to the Parish of Saint James.

ORDERED That Mr Barnard and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to lay out Roads

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to impower Surveyors to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Crooke be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Message from the Upper House to agree to the small Pox Bill.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery that the Upper House had agreed to a Bill to amend an Act intituled An Act to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the Small Pox in this Province without any Amendments.

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill for laying Impost on Shipping &ca.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for raising a Fund by an Impost on Shipping to defray the Expence of keeping in Repair or rebuilding the Light House and Pilot House on Tybee Issland—

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses &ca.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and continue an Act intituled an Act to prevent Stealing Horses and New Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully mark brand or kill the same.—

ORDERED That Mr Barnard and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Militia Bill &

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act for the better Ordering the Militia of this Province which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a second time—

Bill for laying out Roads presented to the House

Mr Ewen also presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act to empower Surveyors to lay out Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia which was also received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time—

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Fryday December the 7th 1764.

ORDERED That Mr Treutlen have Leave of absence from his Service in Assembly till Wednesday next—

Jon: Cochran qualifys & takes his seat

Jonathan Cochran Esquire elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for the Parish of St Philip proved himself duly qualified to serve as Representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House—

Bill to prevent Ballast &ca. being thrown into the River presented & read 1st. Time

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act to prevent Persons throwing Balast or Falling Trees into the Rivers and navigable Creeks within this Province and for keeping clear the Channels of the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Bill to prevent stealing of horses &ca presented & read 1st. Time

Mr Barnard presented to the House according to order a Bill intituled an Act to amend and Continue an Act intituled an Act to prevent stealing Horses and neat Cattle and for the more effectual discovery and punishment of such persons as shall unlawfully brand mark or kill the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time—

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker

Message from the Governor.

His Excellency desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber where his Excellency had been pleased to give his Assent to the Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the Small Pox in this Province.

his Excellency assents to the Small Pox Bill

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday December the 8th 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday December the 10th 1764.

ORDERED That Mr Burrington have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly during the Session of the court of Oyer and Terminer.

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Negroe Bill presented & read 1st Time

Militia Bill read 2d. Time & committed

The Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering the Militia of this Province was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED That this House will To-morrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill—

Bill to prevent Ballast &ca. being thrown into the River read 2d. Time and committed.

The Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act to prevent persons throwing Balast or falling Trees into the Rivers and navigable Creeks within this Province and for keeping clear the Channels of the same was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday December the 11th 1764.

House resolves itself into a Committee upon the Militia Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering of the Militia of this Province according to the order of the Day and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Williams from the Committee reported that they hd gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

Bill ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday December the 12: 1764.

same read 3d. Time & passes

The ingrossed Bill intituled An Act for the better Ordering the Militia of this Province was read the Third Time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Call of ye House

The Order of the Day being read for a call of the House, the House was called over accordingly and Letters directed to Mr Speaker from Joseph Gibbons Isaac Young and John Mulryne Esquires returned duly elected to serve as Representatives in General Assembly being laid before the House were read setting forth that the Small Pox being prevalent in Savannah and they not having had that Distemper praying therefore that they might be indulged with leave of Absence until they could attend with safety—

RESOLVED That the Excuses of Joseph Gibbons Isaac Young and John Mulryne Esquires be allowed and that they be excused from attending their Service in Assembly during the Pleasure of this House.

The Names of Peter Sallens Rober' Baillie William Jones George McIntosh and Raymond Demere Esquires returned duly elected to serve as Representatives being called over and neither themselves nor any Excuse appearing the House presumed the Letters sen' them by the Clerk did not reach their hands time enough to permit them to make Excuse for their Non Attendance either in person or by Letter.

ORDERED That the further Consideration of the

further consideration of sd. call postponed

Order of the Day for the Call of the House be postponed till Monday Morning next.

Jonathan Cochran Esquire moved for leave to go into the Country for a Season he never having had the Small Pox which now rages in Savannah.

ORDERED That Jonathan Cochran Esquire have leave of Absence from his Service in General Assembly during the Pleasure of this House

Elisha Butler declines taking his seat.

Elisha Butler Esquire returned duly elected to serve as Representative in General Assembly for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the Parish of St Matthew attended the House and declined taking his Seat alleging his private Concerns would not permit him.

Motion for Address to his Excelly for a new Writ to elect a Member in his stead

Motion was made that an Address be presented to His Excellency to desire he will be pleased to give Directions for issuing a Writ for the Election of a Representative for the Town and District of Ebenezer in the Parish of St Matthew in the Room of Elisha Butler Esquire, who hath declined taking his Seat—

ORDERED That such Address be drawn up and that the same be presented to his Excellency by Mr Barnard and Sir Patrick Houston.

The Address being drawn up Mr Barnard and Sir Patrick Houstoun waited on his Excellency therewith and presented the same and being returned Reported his Excellency was pleased to say he wou'd give Directions accordingly—

House resolves itself into a Committee on the Bill to prevent throwing Ballast into ye River

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act to prevent Persons throwing Balast or falling Trees into the Rivers and navigable Creeks within this

Province and for keeping clear the Channels of the same and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto and he read the Amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

3d Bill ordered to be engrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House Adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday December 13th 1764.

read 3d. Time and passed

The ingrossed Bill intitled an Act to amend an Act to prevent Persons throwing Balast or falling Trees into the Rivers and navigable Creeks within this Province and for keeping clear the Channels of the same was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houston Do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Negroe Bill read 2d. Time & Committed

The Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers was read a second time and comitted to a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill To Morrow-morning—

Bill to extend the Laws presented & read ye 1st. Time.

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act to extend and enforce the Authority of the several Laws therein mentioned to and throughout the Territory lately annexed to this Province for dividing the same into Parishes and for adding the Island of Jekyl to the Parish of St James and the same was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time—

And then the House adjourned Till To morrow Morning nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Fryday December 14th 1764.

House resolves itself into a Committee upon the negroe Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers according to the order of the Day and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Barnard from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and that they had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Bill on Monday Morning next—

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday December 15th 1764.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday December 17th 1764

Call of the House further considered

The Order of the Day being read for the further Consideration of the order for the Call of the House the House took the said Order under further Consideration and

RESOLVED That if Peter Sallens Robert Baillie William Jones George McIntosh and Raymond Demere Esqrs returned elected to serve in General Assembly do not attend their Service in Assembly or send satisfactory Excuses to the House on or before the 15th Day of January next this House will deem their Seats Vacant and Address his Excellency the Govenor for new Writs of Election—

The House further considers the Negroe Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers according to the Order of the Day and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker ressumed the Chair and Mr Barnard from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Militia Bill wth some Amendmts.

That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for the Better ordering the Militia of this Province with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House and that they had also agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent persons throwing Balast or falling Trees into the navigable Creeks within this Province and for keeping clear the Channels of the same wi hout any Amendments.

and to the Bi'l to prevent Ballast &ca. being thrown into ye River without amendts.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—

Upper House of Assembly
18th December 1764.

Mr Speaker

It appearing that the Reverend Mr Whitefield hath applied to his Excellency the Governor in Council for Lands for the Endowment of a College in this Province this House hath come to a Resolution to address his Excellency Requesting his Recommendation and Encouragement of so laudable an Undertaking and that he may be pleased to transmit home our Wishes for the Completion thereof and this House desires the Concurrence of your House therein and that you appoint a Committee of your House to join a Committee of this House to prepare the said Address—

another Message from Upper house

The Committee are Grey Elliott, James Edward Powell, John Graham } Esquires

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Braddock—

Commons House of Assembly
December 19th 1764.

Message to the Upper House.

Honorable Gentlemen

This House having taken under consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled

an Act for the better Ordering the Militia of this Province have agreed to some and disagreed to others and therefore this House desires you will appoint a Committee of your House to join a Committee of this House in Conference upon the subject Matter of the said Amendments and if you please to join therein this House desires you will appoint your Number Time and Place.—

Bill to enforce the Laws &ca. read the 2d. Time and committed.

The Bill intituled an Act to extend and enforce the Authority of the several Laws therein mentioned to and throughout the Territory lately annexed to this Province for dividing the same into Parishes and for adding the Island of Jekyl to the Parish of S[t] James was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House —

It appearing that Edward Barnard and John Francis Williams Esquires had absented themselves from the service of the House without Leave thereof—

Motion was made that they be taken into Custody—

2 Members taken into Custody.

ORDERED That Edward Barnard and John Francis Williams Esq[rs] be severally taken into Custody of the Messenger attending this House and that M[r] Speaker do sign Warrants for that Purpose—

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday December 19th 1764.

Robt. Baillie qualifys & takes his seat.

Robert Baillie Esq[r] elected and returned to serve as Representative in General Assembly for the Parish of S[t] Andrew attended the House and made a Satisfactory Excuse for not attending sooner and proved himself duly

qualified to serve as Representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and took his Seat as a Member of this House.

Mr. McIntosh's Excuse for non-Attendance

A Letter from George M^c^Intosh Esqr returned to serve as Representative for the Parish of St Andrew was read informing the House that he never had had the Small Pox and that Distemper being in Savannah praying the Indulgence of the House till he could attend with safety—

ORDERED That M^r^ M^c^Intosh have leave of Absence from the Service of the House during Pleasure—

A message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—

Message from the Upper House desiring a Conferrence on amendts. of the Militia Biil

Upper House of Assembly
19th December 1764—

[For transcript of Message agreeing to conference on amendments to the Militia Bill with names of Committee see Journal of Upper House 19 Dec. 1764.]

Committee appointed for sd. Conferrence

ORDERED That Mr Milledge Mr Jones Mr Crooke Mr Ewen and Sir Patrick Houstoun be a Committee to join the Committee of the Upper House in a Conference on the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill intituled An Act for the better Ordering the Militia of this Province—

Report thereon

Mr Jones from the Committee appointed to join the Committee of the Upper House in a Conferrence on the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering the Militia of this

Province reported that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the upper House to the said Bill—

House agrees to amendmts. to the Militia Bill

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report—

Bill for laying Impost on shipping presented & read 1st Time

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act for raising a Fund by an Impost on Shipping to defray the Expence of keeping in Repair or rebuilding the Light House and Pilot House on Tybee Island which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time—

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up the following Message to the Upper House—

Commons House of Assembly.

December 19th 1764.

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House

In answer to your Message of yesterday informing this House that the Reverend Mr Whitefield had applied to His Excellency the Governor in Council for Lands for the Endowment of a Colledge in this Province and that you had come to a Resolution to address his Excellency requesting his Recommendation and Encouragement of so laudable an Undertaking and that he might be pleased to transmit home your Wishes for the Completion thereof and desireing the Concurrence of this House therein and that this House would appoint a Committee to join a Committee of your House to prepare such Address this House doth agree to join your House in an Address to his Excellency to request his Recommendation and Encouragement of the said Work and to desire he will be pleased to transmit Home the United Wishes and Desires of both Houses for the Completion thereof and this

House hath appointed a Committee to join a Committee of your House to prepare an Address accordingly.

The Committee are,
Mr Jones
Mr Braddock
Mr Ewen
Sir Patrick Houstoun
Mr Milledge

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41)

Thursday December 20th 1764.

Govr. desired to adjourn ye House

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Ewen do wait on His Excellency and desire he will be pleased to adjourn this House during the ensuing Holidays—

Letter from Mr Jones excusing his non Attendance.

A Letter from William Jones Esquire returned Representative from the Town of Sunbury and Parish of St John was read desiring to be excused from attending the Service of the House on Account of the Small Pox being in Savannah and his never having had that Distemper—

ORDERED That the said Mr Jones have leave of Absence during the Pleasure of the House—

Mr. Jones joins a Member of the Upper House to acquaint his Excy. they have a joint Address to present

ORDERED That Mr Noble Wimberly Jones do join a Member of the Upper House to wait on His Excellency and acquaint him that both Houses of Assembly having an Address to present to him desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended therewith who being returned Mr Jones reported the Delivery of the said Message and that his Excellency was pleased to say he would

be ready to receive both Houses with their Address immediately—

both Houses wait on the Govr. wth. their Address

Accordingly both Houses immediately attended his Excellency and presented their Address and being returned Mr Speaker reported that both Houses had waited on his Excellency and presented their Address to which he had been pleased to return the following Answer.

Gentlemen

Govr.'s Answer to address of both Houses

I am so perfectly sensible, etc.,

[See Journal of Upper House 20 December, 1764]

Committee for Inspection of the Minutes

ORDERED That Mr Burrington. Mr Noble Wimberly Jones and Mr Ottolenghe be a Committee to inspect the Minutes of this House during the Recess of the House in the ensuing Holidays.

A Message from his Excellency —

Gentlemen

Govr. adjourns the House

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Tuesday the 15th day of January next then to meet for the Dispatch of Business and it is accordingly Adjourned to Tuesday the 15th Day of January next Given under my Hand at Savannah this 20th Day of December 1764—

To the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly— JA: WRIGHT.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41)

Tuesday January 15th 1765.

House meets

The House met according to Adjournment.

Two Members decline taking their Seats.

Letters from Raymond Demere and Peter Sallens Esqr returned Representatives for the Parishes of St James and St John were read informing the House that their private Avocations would not permit them to attend the Service of the House and that therefore they declined qualifying themselves to take their Seats—

Address ordered to be presented to his Excelly. for Writs to elect new Membrs in their Stead.

ORDERED That an Address be presented to His Excellency to desire he will be pleased to give Directions for issuing Writs for the Election of Representatives for the Parishes of St James and St John in the room of Raymond Demere and Peter Sallens Esqrs who have declined taking their Seats—

An Address being drawn up.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do wait on his Excellency therewith who returning reported his Excellency was pleased to say he wou'd give Directions accordingly.

The Bill for laying Impost on shipping read 2d Time and committed.

The Bill intituled an Act for raising a Fund by an Impost on Shipping to defray the Expence of keeping in Repair or rebuilding the Light House and Pilot House on Tybee Island was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House —

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill To morrow Morning—

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41)

Wednesday January 16th 1765.

8 Members added to the Committee of Correspondence

ORDERED That Mr Crooke Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Braddock be of the Committee appointed to correspond with William Knox Esqr Agent to transact the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain in the room of Lachlan McGillivray James Reed and Henry Younge Esqrs they now being disqualified not being Members of this House.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for the better ordering of Servants and Apprentices—

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act for raising a Fund by an Impost on Shipping to defray the Expence of keeping in Repair or rebuilding the Light House and Pilot House on Tybee Island according to the order of the Day and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

Bill for laying Impost on shipping ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41)

Thursday January 17th 1765.

Petition of John Baptiste de Launay &ca.

A Petition of John Baptiste de Launay and Peter Nicholas Piron was presented to the House and read setting forth that the petitioners (Natives of France and the Protestant Religion) did arrive in Charles Town in South Carolina from London in February last and not being able to obtain lands in the Province of South Carolina suitable and convenient for themselves and Families consisting besides themselves of One Woman the Wife of the said Delaunay and four Children the Petitioners came into this Province and applied for and obtained from his Excellency the Governor and the Council of this Province four hundred and fifty acres of Land on Great Ogechee River and received Warrants for the surveying the same But that by reason of their extreme poverty they were unable to defray the Expence of surveying the said Lands or to pay the fees to the several officers or to transport themselves to Ogechee or subsist their Familes until they could clear Land and raise a Crop and therefore praying this House to take their distressed Circumstances into Consideration and grant them such Relief as to this House should seem meet.

RESOLVED That this House will provide the Sum of £14 Sterling to enable the Petitioners to Settle on the Lands granted them by the Governor and Council and that the same be paid into the Hands of Jonathan Bryan Esqr to be by him applied in such Manner as shall appear to him most beneficial for the Petitioners—

Plan of Fort Augusta laid before the House by order of ye Govr.

The Master in Chancery laid before the House by order of his Excellency the Governor a Plan of a Fort proposed to be built at Augusta with an Estimate of the

expence also the following Message from his Excellency.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

I send you herewith a Sketch of a Fort such a one as it is thought will answer the purpose at Augusta and also an Estimate of the Expence These may be useful to you when you are pleased to take that Matter under Consideration And when that is done I believe it would be proper to provide some Trifle for finishing the Barracks &c. within the Fort at Frederica which otherwise I understand will soon go to decay or be destroyed.

JA: WRIGHT.
17th January 1765.

RESOLVED That this House will take his Excellency's said Message under Consideration next Monday Sen'night.

Memorial of Deputy Auditor General.

A Memorial of Grey Elliott Esqr Deputy Auditor General with an Accompt of Fees charged to be due to the Auditor General's Office and a Certificate of the Treasurer were Presented to the House and the Memorial was read in the following Words.

To the Honorable Alexander Wylly Esqr Speaker and the Members of the Honorable Commons House of Assemby of the Province of Georgia—

The Memorial of Grey Elliott Deputy Auditor General Sheweth

That in the Month of March last the Honorable Noble Jones Esqr His Majestys Treasurer exhibited in the office of your Memorialist the Publick Accounts for the Year 1761 and 1762 and required the same to be examined and audited that upon your Memorialist demanding

of him the usual and legal Patent Fee of Office the said Treasurer answered that he had no funds in his hands out of which he could pay the said Fee. Your Memorialist however in consequence of his Duty required of him by his Majesty's Treasurer did audit and pass those Accompts nevertheless acquainting him that he should look upon the Fees as a Debt due from the publick. That from the same Motives of Duty he did also audit the Accompts produced to him by the Treasurer for the Year 1763 for all which Audits the Fees are as yet unpaid Your Memorialist therefore takes the Liberty to lay before this Honorable House an Accompt of the same which he presumes to hope will be taken under Consideration and that this House will do therein what in their Justice and Wisdom shall seem meet.

GREY ELLIOTT.

And the Accompts of Fees charged to be due to the Auditor Generals Office with the Treasurers Certificate was also read and is as follows Viz[t]

The Publick of Georgia

To the Auditor Generals Office D[r]

For Fees on the Audit of the Treasurer's Publick Acco[ts] for the Year 1761....	£ 68..	2..	9¾
D° for the Year 1762	91..	13..	9
D° for the Year 1763	126..	12..	9¼
	£286..	9..	4

I hereby Certify that the several publick Accompts for the Years 1761, 1762, and 1763 were Audited ex-

amined and passed by Grey Elliott Esq[r] Deputy Auditor General

December 7th 1764
NOBLE JONES Treasurer

ORDERED That the said Memorial with the Account and Certificate do lie upon the Table—

Bill for laying Impost on shipping read 3d Time & passed

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act for raising a Fund by an Impost on Shipping to defray the Expence of keeping in Repair or rebuilding the Light house and Pilot House on Tybee Island was read the Third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED that M[r] Crooke do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Fryday January 18th 1765.

House resolves itself into a Committee upon the Bill to extend the Laws

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act to extend and enforce the Authority of the several Laws therein mentioned to and throughout the Territory lately annexed to this Province for dividing the same into Parishes and for adding the Island of Jekyl to the Parish of S[t] James and after some time spent therein M[r] Speaker resumed the Chair and M[r] Ewen from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they directed him to Report to the House when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

ORDERED That the said Report be now received Then Mr Ewen read the Amendments in his Place afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

and ordered to be engrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday January 19th 1765.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till To morrow (sic) Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday January 21st 1765

Petition of Robt. Bolton presented.

A Petition of Robert Bolton was presented to the House and read setting forth That the Petitioner had lately received a Commission from His Majesty's Post Masters General of North America impowering him to establish a Post Office for the safe and speedy conveyance of Letters to and throughout the different parts of this Province and conceiving that a regular Mail to and from South Carolina every ten days would be of Immediate Importance and Advantage to the commercial Interest and general Conveniency of the Inhabitants of this Colony the Petitioner had concerted Measures for that purpose And as the Establishment and Execution of that plan would be unavoidably attended with Considerable and constant Expence praying this House to

grant him such Assistance as in its Wisdom should seem meet—

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to suppress Lotteries &ca.

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke and Mr Ottolenghe be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Tavern Act

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke and Mr Ottolenghe be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Committee of Ferries appointed.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen Mr Braddock Mr Ottolenghe Mr Bourquin and Mr Jones be a Committee to inquire and report to this House the most fit places for the Establishment of ferries in this Province.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday January 22d 1765.

The Bill to extend the Laws &ca. read the 3d Time and passed.

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act to extend and enforce the Authority of the several Laws therein mentioned to and throughout the Territory lately annexed to this Province for dividing the same into Parishes and

for adding the Island of Jekyl to the Parish of S[t] James was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Bill for ye better ordering of servts &ca. presented and read 1st. Time.

M[r] Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering of Servants and Apprentices in this Province which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday January 23[d] 1765.

Same read 2d Time and Committed

The Bill for the Better ordering of Servants and Apprentices within this Province was read a second Time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill this Day Sen'night.

Memorial of Survr General

A Memorial of Henry Yonge Esq[r] Surveyor General was presented to the House and read setting forth That Frauds and abuses being committed in measuring His Majestys Lands in this Province owing to the Practice of bearing the Chain on the several Surveys which the Deputy Surveyors are employed in by Negroes and by white Persons not sworn to the honest and faithful performance of that Service from whence it often hap-

pens that the Quantity of Land directed to be laid out by His Excellency the Governor's Warrants far exceeds in the field the number of Acres represented by the Plats returned to be annexed to the Grants of such Tracts which abuse in many Instances cannot be timely detected by the Surveyor General or his Deputies and tends to defraud the Publick of the Taxes and the Crown of the Quit Rents on the Surplus Measure of such incorrect and unjust Surveys and therefore begging leave to recommend to the consideration of the House the passing a Law to prevent in future the like Practices so injurious to the Province and to his Majesty's Revenue.

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds in ye admeasuring of Lands

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the admeasuring and laying out His Majesty's Lands in this Province.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Braddock be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday January 24th 1765.

Said Bill presented and read 1st Time

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Admeasuring and laying out His Majesty's Lands in this Province which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday January 25th 1765.

The Clerk ordered to give publick Notice for all Persons having Demands on the Publick to bring in their Accounts.

ORDERED That the Clerk of this House do give notice by Advertisement for all Persons having any Demands on the Publick to deliver in their respective Accounts to the Clerk of this House on or before the 9th Day of February next after which Day no Accounts will be received.

Bill to prevent Frauds in the admeasuring of Lands read 2d Time & committed

The Bill intituled an Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the admeasuring and laying out His Majesty Lands in this Province was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill immediately.

House resolves into a Committee on the sd. Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Baillie from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

and orders it to be engrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

ORDERED That Mr Treutlen have leave of Absence till Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday January 26th 1765.

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday January 28th 1765

Order of the Day adjourned

ORDERED That the order of the Day for taking into Consideration His Excellency's Message in relation to building a Fort at Augusta and the Estimate of the Expence thereof and for making some provision for finishing the Barracks at Frederica being read.

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over Till To morrow Morning.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday January 29th 1765.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Negroe Bill with some Amendmtr.

The Upper House has agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveigling and carrying away Slaves from their Masters

or Employers with some Amendments to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Sundry Accounts of the publick Treasurer laid before ye House

The Publick Treasurer laid before the House a paper intituled an Account of the Produce and Application of the Aid granted to His Majesty by an Act of Assembly passed the 7th Day of April 1763 the Sums provided for the several Services in a Schedule annexed to the same being £1913.. 13.. 11½ also an Account of the Produce and Application of different Funds heretofore granted His Majesty for particular purposes.

And also a Paper intituled an Account of the Produce and Application of the Aid granted to His Majesty by Act of Assembly passed the 29th Day of February 1764 for the Support of Government for the Year 1764 the Sums provided for the several Services in a Schedule annexed to the same.

And also another Paper intituled a State of the several Funds arising by the sundry Acts of Assembly of this Province and then he withdrew—

And the Titles of the said Papers being read.

ORDERED That the said papers do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House.

Govrs. Message taken into Consideration

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration His Excellency's Message in relation to the building a Fort at Augusta and the Estimate of the Expence thereof and for making some provision for finishing the Barracks at Frederica being read the House took the same into Consideration accordingly—

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill for building a Fort & Barracks &c

Motion being made for leave to bring in a Bill for building a Fort and Barracks within the same on the Lands reserved for the Use of the Publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul a Guard

House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in the Fort in the Town of Frederica on the Island of St Simon and for granting to His Majesty the Sum of Six hundred and fifty pounds Sterling to defray the Expence of the same also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for the said purposes.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Ottolenghe be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are near expiring &c.

Mr Crooke (according to Order) from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws of this Province are expired or near expiring and report their Opinion to the House which of them are proper to be revived or continued reported that the Committee had examined accordingly and come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the Resolutions in his place and afterwards delivered them in at the table where the same were again read and are as follow.

RESOLVED That an Act for regulating the Watch in the Town of Savannah passed the 27th Day of February 1759 and expired the 27th Day of February 1764 and which your Committee are of Opinion should be revived.

RESOLVED That an Act to amend and continue an Act intituled an Act for Establishing and regulating Patrols will expire the 1st Day of May 1765 and which your Committee are of Opinion ought to be continued.

RESOLVED That an Act to oblige the Male white Persons of this Province to carry Fire Arms with them to places of Publick Worship expired the 7th of March 1764 and which Act your Committee are of Opinion should be revived.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday January 30th 1765.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned Till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday January 31st 1765.

Bill to Suppress Lotteries &c presented and read 1st Time

Mr Crooke presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and decietful Gaming which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Also a Bill to amend the Tavern Act presented & read the 1st Time—

Mr Crooke also presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors which was also received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time—

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for better Strengthening & Settling this Province read the 1st Time—

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by compelling the several Persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from His Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a Number of white Persons or Negroes in Proportion to the Lands they claim to hold agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands And to cultivate and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said Tracts of Lands by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several Plats in the

tinued from thence for the Term of three years and from thence to the end of the next Session of General Assembly and which by another Act passed the 29th Day of February 1764 together with the Amendments and Alterations made by the said last mentioned Act further continued from the expiration thereof until the 1st Day of November 1764 and from thence to the End of the next Session of General Assembly will expire with this present Session and which your Committee are of Opinion ought to be continued.

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Report into Consideration on Thursday next.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House 29th January 1765

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House that they had passed a Bill for the better strengthening and settling of this Province &ca

The Upper House having passed a Bill intituled an Act for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by compelling the several Persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from His Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a Number of White Persons or Negroes in Proportion to the Lands they claim to hold agreable to His Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands and to cultivate and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said several Tracts of Lands by regulating the surveys and making the Lines thereof and recording the several Plats in the Surveyor General's Office also for registering and docqueting such Grants in the other proper Offices of this Province; their Honors desire the Concurrence of your House thereto—

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

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The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for better Strengthening & Settling this Province read the 1st Time—

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by compelling the several Persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from His Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a Number of white Persons or Negroes in Proportion to the Lands they claim to hold agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands And to cultivate and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said Tracts of Lands by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several Plats in the

Surveyor General's Office also for registering and docqueting such Grants in the other Proper Offices in this Province was read the first Time & ordered to be read a second Time—

The Bill to prevent Frauds in admeasuring Lands &ca read 3d Time and passed.

The ingrossed Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Admeasuring and laying out his Majesty's Lands in this Province was read the third Time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

House resolves itself into a Committee upon the Amendmts. made by ye Upper House to the Negroe Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering and governing of Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Amendments into Consideration and had agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED That the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Mr Baillie—

Commons House of Assembly
31st January 1765.

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House thereon.

This House having taken under Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering and governing of Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers have agreed to some and disagreed to

others and therefore desires you will be pleased to appoint a Committee of your House to join a Committee of this House in a Conferrence upon the subject Matter of the said Amendments and if you please to join therein this House desires you will appoint your Number Time and Place—

House agrees to the Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are near expiring—

The House took into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws of this Province are expired or near expiring according to Order of the Day and agreed thereto.

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill for continuing several Acts

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to continue several Acts therein to be mentioned to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt to continue several Road Acts and an Act to prevent stealing Horses and Neat Cattle.

ORDERED that Mr Crooke and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday February 1st 1765.

Ingrossed Bill from the Upper House for the better Strengthening this Province read 2d Time & Committed

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House intituled an Act for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by compelling the several persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from His Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a number of White Persons or Negroes in proportion to the Lands they claim to hold agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands and to cultivate

and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said several Tracts of Lands by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several Plats in the Surveyor General's Office also for registering and docqueting such Grants in the other proper Offices in this Province was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill to suppress Lotteries &ca read 2d Time & Committed

The Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House

Bill to amend the Tavern Act read 2d Time & Committed

The Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns and Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors was also read a second time and committeed to a Committee of the whole House—

Bill to continue several Acts presented & read 1st Time

Mr Crooke presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act to continue several Acts therein mentioned to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt to continue the several Road Acts and to prevent stealing Horses and neat Cattle which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second time—

House resolves into a Committee upon the Bill for better strengthening of this Province &ca.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by compelling the several persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from his Majesty witnessed by the Govenor of South Caralina to bring or send into this Province a Number of White persons or Negroes in proportion to the Lands they claim to hold agreeable to his Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands and to cultivate and improve

the same and for the better ascertaining the said several Tracts of Lands by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several plats in the Surveyor General's Office also for registring and docqueting such Grants in the other proper Offices in this Province and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Message from the Upper House desiring Conference upon Negroe Bill

Mr Speaker, In answer to your Message desiring a Conference on the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act for the better Ordering and Governing of Negroes and other Slaves in this province and to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers this House doth agree thereto and hath appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately.

Committee Hon. Lewis Johnson, Grey Elliott, James Edward Powell } Esqrs

Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House in ye said Conference

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun Mr Burrington Mr Jones Mr Crooke and Mr Baillie be a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House in a Conference upon the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intituled an Act for the better ordering and governing of Negroes and other Slaves in this province and to

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February 6th 1765.

Thomas Waters Esqr elected and returned Representative for the Town and District of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul in the room of Henry Cunningham Esqr proved himself duly qualified to serve and afterwards took the Oaths and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat—

House resolves into a Committee upon the Bill to amend the Lottery Act

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

House resolves into a Committee upon the Bill to amend Tavern Act.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported that they (sic) taken the said Bill under Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Bill for building Fort & Barracks &ca presented & read 1st Time—

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to order a Bill intituled an Act for building a Fort and Barracks within the same on the Lands reserved for the Use of the Publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in the Fort in the Town of Frederica on the Island of Saint Simon and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of six hundred and fifty pounds Sterling to defray the same also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificàtes for the said Purposes which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time—

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Message from the Governor relative to Counterfeit Bills.

Having received Information that several Paper Bills have appeared to be made in Imitation of the lawful Paper Bills of Credit of this Province and which have been uttered and passed as genuine Bills I think it incumbent on me to endeavor to procure a Discovery of the Parties concerned in that wicked Practice and therefore propose issuing a Proclomation offering a Reward to any Person who will discover and give Evidence whereby any Person or Persons may be convicted of the same Offence And also to promise a Pardon to any one of the Accomplices who will discover and give Evidence to Conviction against any Party or Parties concerned But as there is no Fund out of which I can pay such Reward I must recommend it to you by a Vote of Credit or in such othe Manner as you may see fit to enable me to offer a Reward as proposed and which I think cannot be less than fifty Pounds Sterling—

JA. WRIGHT.

Savannah 6th February 1765.

RESOLVED That this House will take into Consideration His Excellency's Message to Morrow Morning—

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Bill to prevent Frauds in the Admeasuring of Lands &ca And to the Bill for extending ye Law wth Amendmts

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the admeasuring and laying out His Majesty's Lands in this Province with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House And also that they had agreed to a Bill intituled an Act to extend and enforce the Authority of the several Laws therein mentioned to and throughout the Territory lately annexed to this Province for dividing the same into Parishes and for adding the Island of Jekyl to the Parish of St James with some Amendments to which Amendments the Upper House desired the Concurrence of this House—

House takes into Cons. & agrees to the Amendmts. made by the Upper House to the Bill to prev-nt Frauds in admeasurig of Lands &ca.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Admeasuring and Laying out his Majesty's Lands in this Province and agreed thereto—

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry the following Message to the Upper House—

Commons House of Assembly
February 6th 1765.

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House thereon &ca.

This House hath agreed to the Amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent frauds and abuses in the admeasuring and laying out His Majesty's Lands in this Province and also agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by compelling the several Persons who

claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from his Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a Number of white Persons or Negroes in proportion to the Lands they claim to hold agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands and to cultivate and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said several Tracts of Lands by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several Platts in the Surveyor General's Office also for regestering and docqueting such Grants in the other proper Offices of this Province with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of your House—

Mr Baillie presented to the House according to Order a Bill intituled an Act to empower Commissioners to lease or let out for a certain Term of Years the Lot of Land commonly called the Spring near Savannah and to rent the Building in Savannah commonly called the Watch House and to appropriate the Monies arising therefrom which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time—

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February 7th 1765.

Govrs Message taken in Consideration

The Order of the Day being read the House took into Consideration his Excellency's Message of Yesterday and

Vote of Credit thereon

RESOLVED That this House doth Vote and will provide the Sum of £50 Sterling to enable His Excellency the Governor to offer a Reward for the Discovery and

Conviction of any Person or Persons concerned in making or uttering paper Bills in Imitation of the lawful proper Bills of Credit of this Province—

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up to the Upper House the following Message—

Commons House of Assembly
Frebruary 7th 1765.

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House desiring their Concurrence to the sd. Vote

This House having received a Message from His Excellency acquainting this House that His Excellency having had Information given him that several Paper Bills have appeared to be made in Imitation of the Lawful Paper Bills of Credit of this Province and which have been uttered and passed as genuine Bills he thought it incumbent on him to endeavour to procure a Discovery of the Parties concerned in that wicked Practice and therefore proposed issuing a Proclomation offering a Reward to any Person who would discover and give Evidence whereby any Person or Persons might be convicted of the said Offence and also to promise a pardon to any one of the Accomplices who would discover and give Evidence to Conviction of any Party or Parties concerned but as there is no Fund out of which His Excellency could pay such Reward recommending it to this House by Vote of Credit or in such other Manner as this House might see fit to enable him to offer a Reward as proposed which his Excellency thought could not be less than fifty pounds Sterling this House hath Resolved to provide the Sum of fifty pounds Sterling for that purpose to which Resolution this House desires the Concurrence of your House—

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—

Upper House of Assembly
February 7th 1765.

Mr Speaker.

Message from the Upper House that they concur therein

In Answer to your Message this House doth concur with your House in the Resolution to provide the Sum of fifty pounds Sterling to enable His Excellency the Governor to offer a Reward for the Discovery and Conviction of the Person or Persons concerned in making or uttering paper Bills in the Imitation of the lawful paper Bills of Credit of this Province—

ORDERED That Mr Crooke and Mr Waters do wait on His Excellency the Governor with the following Message—

Message to the Governor

To His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same.

May it please Your Excellency.

The Commons House of Assembly having taken in Consideration Your Excellency's Message of Yesterday and being extremely sensible how necessary it is to enable your Excellency to procure a Discovery of the Person or Persons concerned in the wicked practice of making and uttering paper Bills in Imitation of the lawful paper Bills of Credit of this Province have unanimously resolved to provide the Sum of £50 Sterling for that purpose—

Bill to continue several Acts &ca. read 2d Time and committed

The Bill intituled an Act to continue several Acts therein mentioned to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt to continue the several Road Acts and an Act to prevent stealing Horses and Neat Cattle was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

House resolves into a Committee on said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Baillie from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered to be ingrossed.

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

A Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Amendmts made by this House to the Bill for the better Strengthening this Province &ca.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper House had agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by compelling the several Persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from His Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a Number of White persons or Negroes in proportion to the Lands they Claim to hold agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands and to cultivate and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said several Tracts of Lands by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several Plats in the Surveyor Generals Office also for registering and docqueting such Grants in the other Proper Offices in this Province.

ORDERED That the Clerk of this House do acquaint

Commissioners appointed for repairing the light house ordered to lay their Accts before the Assembly.

the Commissioners appointed for repairing the Light House on Tybee Island by Letter that this House doth require them to lay before this House immediately an Account of the Application of Monies granted by General Assembly for the purpose of repairing the said Light House

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday February 8th 1765.

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill for laying a Duty on Goods imported from ye Northward &ca.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty on the sundry Articles therein mentioned that shall hereafter be imported from any of His Majesty's Colonies to the Northward of the Province of South Carolina and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom in Aid of the General Tax—

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Baillie be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Ingrossed Bill to continue several Acts &ca. read 3d time & passed.

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act to continue several Acts therein mentioned to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt to continue the several Road Acts and an Act to prevent stealing Horses and neat Cattle was read the third Time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Baillie do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

The Bill intituled an Act to empower Commissioners

Bill for leasing the Spring &c. read 2d Time & Committed

to lease or let out for a certain Term of Years the Lot of Land commonly called the Spring near Savannah and to rent the Building in Savannah commonly called the Watch House and to appropriate the Monies arising therefrom was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

House resolves into a Committee on the said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported they had further considered the said Bill and made some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again—

House resolves into a Committee further to consider of the Bill for better regulating Taverns &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported that they had further considered the said Bill and made some further Progress therein and he was directed by the said Committee to move for leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday February 9th 1765.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February 11th 1765.

ORDERED That Mr Baillie have leave of Absence from the Service of this House till this Day fortnight.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February 12th 1765.

House takes into further Consideration the Bill to suppress Lotteries &ca.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported they had further considered the said Bill and made some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again—

Also the Bill for better regulating Taverns &ca.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and

Retailers of Spiritous Liquors and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported that they further considered the said Bill and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again—

House resolves into a Committee upon the Bill for leasing ye Spring &ca.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act to empower Commissioners to Lease or Let out for a certain Term of Years the Lot of Land commonly called the Spring near Savannah and to rent the Building in Savannah commonly called the Watch House and to appropriate the monies arising therefrom and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Baillie from the Committee reported that the had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

Said Bill ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The 2 Members in Custody attend at the Door

The House being informed that John Francis Williams and Edward Barnard Esqrs Members of this House taken into Custody by the Messenger of this House by Warrant of Mr Speaker for absenting themselves from the Service of the House without Leave attended at the Door of the House.

Motion was made that a Letter from the said John

Letter from One of the said Members read & deemed unsatisfactory

Francis Williams directed to Mr Speaker alledging several Reasons for his absenting himself from the Service of the House without Leave be read and the same being read and the Reasons therein given not being deemed Satisfactory—

Called to the Bar of the House and reprimanded

ORDERED That the said John Francis Williams Esqr be called in and that he be reprimanded by Mr Speaker at the Bar of the House

acknowledges to the House that his absenting without Leave was imprudent

The said John Francis Williams Esqr being called in was reprimanded by Mr Speaker at the Bar of the House accordingly and Mr Williams made an Humble acknowledgment to the House that his leaving the service of the House without Leave was highly imprudent—

Ordered to be discharged out of Custody paying his fees.

ORDERED That the said John Francis Williams Esqr be discharged out of the Custody of the Messenger of this House paying his Fees—

Petition of Edmund Gray

A Petition of Edmund Gray was presented to the House and read setting forth That the Petitioner suffered a cruel illegal and destructive Imprisonment being confined in a filthy Room without any Fire in Winter or sufficient Air in Summer deprived of a necessary Intercourse for adjusting his Affairs and oppressed with massy Iron Fetters. That the Petitioner had circumstantially set forth his Grievances to the Chief Justice and Governor severally praying Relief as would appear from the annext Copies of Petitions but was given to know that a Power to relieve was not lodged in either of them and therefore praying this House to take his sufferings under Consideration and if necessary that he might be heard thereon by his Council and obtain such Redress in the Premesses as to this House in their Wisdom Justice and Clemency should seem meet—

ORDERED That the said Petition be referred to the

Consideration of a Committee of the whole House and that they do examine into the truth of the Facts alledged in the said Petition and report the same as they shall find them to the House—

House resolves into a Committee on said Petition—

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Petition and went and visited the Petitioner in Prison and being returned to the Assembly Room Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee reported that they had examined the Matter of the said Petition and visited the Petitioner in Prison and found him confined there in Irons.

ORDERED That the said Petitioner be admitted to be heard by his Counsel at the Bar of this House upon the Matter of his said Petition on Thursday next—

ORDERED That the Provost Mashal of this Province be admitted to be heard by his Counsel against the said Petition at the same time if he shall think fit—

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February 13th 1765

Mr. Barnard attends at the Door

The House being informed that Edward Barnard Esqr a Member of this House taken into the Custody of the Messenger of this House by Warrant of Mr Speaker for absenting himself from the Service of the House without Leave again attended at the Door of the House.

Motion was made that two Letters from the said Ed-

His Letter of Excuse read and deemed unsatisfactory

ward Barnard Esqr directed to Mr Speaker alledging several Matters in Excuse for his absenting himself from the Service of the House without Leave be read and the same being read and the Excuses therein Mentioned not being deemed Satisfactory—

Called to the Bar of the House and reprimanded

ORDERED That the said Edward Barnard Esqr be called in and that he be represemanded by Mr Speaker at the Bar of the House.

acknowledges to the House that his absenting without Leave was imprudent

The said Edward Barnard Esqr being called in was repremanded by Mr Speaker at the Bar of the House accordingly and Mr Barnard made an Humble Acknowledgment to the House that His absenting himself from the service of the House without Leave was highly imprudent—

Ordered to be discharged out of Custody.

ORDERED That Edward Barnard Esqr be discharged out of the Custody of the Messenger of this House paying his Fees—

Bill for Limitation of Actions read the Second time

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House intituled an Act for the Limitation of Actions and Avoiding Suits at Law was read a second Time—

Debate thereon

Motion was made that the said Bill be committed and a Debate arising thereon and the Question being put it passed in the Negative—

Petition of Zachariah Lamar

A Petition of Zachariah Lamar was presented to the House and read, setting forth that the Petitioner was seized in his own Right of a certain Tract of Land in the Township of Augusta and Parish of St Paul commonly called the Sand Bar where a Ferry hath been kept for many Years past to Fort Augusta in the Province of South Carolina and therefore praying this House to vest the property of the said Ferry in the Petitioner upon such Condition as to the House shall seem meet—

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table until the Bill for establishing a Ferry from (sic) near Savannah to the Plantation of Jermyn Wright Esqr called Rochester in the Province of South Carolina and for vesting the same in (sic) for a Term of Years therein mentioned shall be read a second Time.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February 14th 1765.

Edmund Gray heard by his Counsel

The Order of the Day being read for the Admission of Edmund Gray to be heard by his Counsel upon the matter of his Petition to this House.

The Counsel for the said Edmund Gray was called in And the Petition of Edmund Gray was read.

And a Witness was called in and examined and then directed to withdraw.

Counsel for Provost Marshal heard against said Petition.

And the Council for Edmund Gray was heard in Support of the said Petition.

And then the Provost Marshal and his Counsel was called in.

And the Counsel for the Provost Marshal was heard against the said Petition.

And the Counsel for Edmund Gray was heard by way of Reply.

And then the Provost Marshal and the Counsel were directed to withdraw.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday February 16th 1765.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till To morrow (sic) Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February 18th 1765.

Ordinance presented and read 1st Time

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order an Ordinance appointing William Knox Esqr Agent to solicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time—

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February 19th 1765.

read 2d Time.

The Ordinance appointing William Knox Esqr Agent to sollicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read a second Time and

ORDERED to be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February 20th 1765.

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till To Morrow morning nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February 21st 1765.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

Gentlemen

Governor adjourns the House.

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly until Monday the 25th Day of this Instant February then to meet for the Dispatch of Business and it is hereby adjourned accordingly.

Given under my Hand at Savannah
this 21st Day of February 1765
JA: WRIGHT.

To the Speaker and
Members of the Commons
House of Assembly—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February 25th 1765.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr Ewen presented to the House according to Order

Bill for laying a Duty on Goods imported from the Northward read 1st Time

a Bill for granting to His Majesty a Duty on the sundry Articles therein mentioned that shall hereafter be imported from any of His Majestys Colonies to the Northward of South Carolina and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom in Aid of the General Tax which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second time—

Ordinance read 3d Time and passed.

An Ordinance appointing William Knox Esqr Agent to solicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read the third time.

RESOLVED That the same do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Williams do carry up the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Bill for establishing a Ferry was read a second time

The Bill intituled an Act for establishing a Ferry from (sic) near Savannah to the Plantation of Jermyn Wright Esqr called Rochester in the Province of South Carolina and for vesting the same in (sic) for a Term of Years therein mentioned was read a second time. —

Motion was made that the Petition of Zachariah Lamar be now again read—

The same being read—

Title of said Bill altered

RESOLVED That the Title of the said Bill be A Bill intituled an Act for establishing three Ferries in this Province at the places therein mentioned.

Motion was made that the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill—

House resolves into a Committee on said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Waters from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the said Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered to be ngrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February 26th. 1765.

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Bill to continue several Acts &ca without Amendts.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to continue several Acts therein mentioned to prevent Masters of Vessels from carrying off Persons in Debt to continue the several Road Acts and an Act to prevent stealing Horses and Neat Cattle without any Amendments.

House resolves into a Committee upon the Bill for laying a Duty on Goods imported from the Northward

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled an Act for granting to his Majesty a Duty on the sundry Articles therein mentioned that shall hereafter be imported from any of His Majestys Colonies to the Northward of the Province of South Carolina and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom in Aid of the General Tax and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had taken

the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the said Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February 27th 1765.

House resolves into a Committee further to consider said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on the sundry Articles therein mentioned that shall hereafter be imported from any of His Majesty's Colonies to the Northward of the Province of South Carolina and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom in Aid of the General Tax and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had made some further progress in the said Bill and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again—

Bill for establishing Ferries read 3d Time & passed

The Bill intituled an Act for establishing three Ferries in this Province at the places therein mentioned was read the third Time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry up the same to the Upper House, and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February 28th 1765

House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Bill for laying a Duty on Goods imported from the Northward

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on the sundry Articles therein mentioned that shall hereafter be imported from any of His Majesty's Colonies to the Northward of the Province of South Carolina and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom in Aid of the General Tax and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Ordinance without Amendts.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper House had agreed to An Ordinance appointing William Knox Esqr Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain without any Amendments—

The Bill intituled an Act for building a Fort and Bar-

Bill for building Fort &ca. was read a second Time and Committed

racks within the same on the Land reserved for the Use of the Publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in the Fort in the Town of Frederica on the Island of St Simon and for granting to His Majesty the Sum of £650 Sterling to defray the Expence of the same also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for the said purposes was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

House resolves into a Committee on said Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill under Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday March 1st 1765.

House resolves into a Committee further to consider sd Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act for building a Fort and Barracks within the same on the Land reserved for the Use of the publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul a Guard House in

Savannah and repairing the Barracks in the Fort in the Town of Frederica on the Island of S[t] Simon and for granting to His Majesty the Sum of £650 Sterling to defray the Expence of the same also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for the said purposes and after some time spent therein M[r] Speaker resumed the Chair and M[r] Ewen from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday March 2[d] 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday March 4th 1765.

read 3d Time and passed

The Bill intituled an Act for building a Fort and Barracks within the same on the Land reserved for the Use of the Publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of S[t] Paul a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in the Fort in the Town of Frederica on

the Island of St Simon and for granting to His Majesty the Sum of £650 Sterling to defray the Expence of the same also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for the said Purposes was read the third Time. —

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Bill for laying a Duty on Goods imported from the Northward read 3d Time and passed

The Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on the sundry Articles therein mentioned that shall hereafter be imported from any of His Majestys Colonies to the Northward of the Province of South Carolina and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom in Aid of the General Tax was read the third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday March 5th 1765

Mr. Simpson qualify's and takes his Seat

John Simpson Esqr returned Representative for the Town of Frederica in the Parish of St James proved himself duly qualified to serve according to the Terms perscribed by the Act of Assembly of this Province and afterwards took the oaths and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House—

Motion that the House resolve into a Committee to consider the Estimate

Motion was made that the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in this Province for one Year commencing the 29th September 1764 and ending the 29th September 1765 be now referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Said Estimate—

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Estimate under Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the said Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will To morrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Estimate—

Motion for an Address to the Governor for issuing a Writ to elect a new Member

Motion was made that an Address be presented to His Excellency desiring he will be pleased to give Directions for issuing a Writ for the Election of a Representative for the Town and District of Halifax in the Parish of St George in the Room of Donald Frazer Esqr he having declined taking his Seat.

An Address being drawn up—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Crooke do wait on His Excellency therewith who returning reported the delivery thereof and that His Excellency was pleased to say he would give Directions accordingly—

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday March 6th 1765

House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Estimate

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year commencing the 29th of September 1764 and ending the 29th September 1765 according to the Order of the Day and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported they had gone through the same and come to several Resolutions thereupon which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the Resolutions in His place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table where they were again read and are as follows vizt

Committee make their report

RESOLVED That this Committee are of Opinion that the Sum of £1599.. 7.. 1½ Sterling be raised and granted to His Majesty for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for one Year commencing the 29th September 1764 and ending the 29th September 1765 to be issued by the Treasurer by Order of the Governor and Council in the following Manner Vizt—

For defraying the Expences of holding the Courts of Oyer and Terminer a Sum not exceeding £110 that is to say—

To the Justices of the Bench for holding two Courts ..... £	6..	0..	0
To the Clerk of the Crown for Do.....	4..	0..	0
To the Attorney General a Sum not exceeding	20..	0..	0
To the Provost Marshal for summoning Juries publishing Proclomations excuting Writs of Election and attending Courts of Oyer and Terminer...	30..	0..	0

Certificates to be sunk pursuant to the Fortification Act	£220.. –.. –		
To William Knox Esqr his Salary as Agent for one year from 1st May 1765 to 1st May 1766	100.. –.. –		
To the Printer his Salary from April 1765 to April 1766	100.. –.. –		
To Expences attending the Preventing the Spreading of the small Pox agreeable to a Vote of Credit passed 29th May 1764	100.. –.. –		
To Margaret Waters her Account for nursing Mary Halbrook in the small pox	8.. 10.. –		
A Bounty to the several Pilots in this Province a Sum not exceeding	150.. –.. –		
To the Pilots for the River Medway their Salary	20.. –.. –		
		788.. 10.. –	
To Money advanced by the Agent in obtaining Act for the free Export of Rice to the Southward of this Province as per Account		38.. 3.. 8½	
For Repairs of Fort Augusta as per Ensign Matthew Keough's Account	20.. 10.. –		
To Ballance Account due William Clifton Esqr late Attorney General	19.. 17.. 6½		
		40.. 7.. 6½	
To John Casper Starkey's Account	5.. 13.. –		
To Goldwire and Tondee's Account for work done at the Council House	1.. 0.. 2		
To Read and Mossman's Account for Iron Trucks for the Carriages &^c for Fort George on the Island of Cockspur	45.. 16.. 3		
		52.. 9.. 5	
To John Snooks for working and keeping in repair the Fire Engine in Savannah to be paid by a Certificate from under the hand of One of the Church Wardens a sum not exceeding	10.. –.. –		
To Charles Watson for Drawing of Bills	6.. –.. –		
To Peter Gandy for Copying of Bills	4.. –.. –		

To Interest on £618.. 12.. 6 a sum of Money borrowed of the Commisioners of Christ Church.....	£ 49.. 9.. 7	
		69.. 9.. 7
To Jonathan Bryan Esq[r] for the use of John Baptiste de Launey and Peter Nicholas Piron to enable them to settle on the Land granted by the Governor and Council a Sum not exceeding.....	14.. –.. –	
To John Simpson Esq[r] for work done at Fort George per Account.....	5.. 3.. 3	
To a Ballance due the Provost Marshal for maintenance of prisoners.....	8.. 1..10	
To Thomas Lee for Ringing the Bell & his Account	3.. 11.. –	
To Widow Margeret Piages her Account for maintaining a Spanish prisoner..	2.. 19.. 2	
		33.. 15.. 3
Collectors Commissions on £1487.. 15.. 6 @ 2½ P C[t].....	37.. 3..10½	
Treasurers Commissioners on £1487.. 15.. 6 @ 5 P C[t].....	74.. 7.. 9	
		111.. 11.. 7½
		£1599.. 7.. 1½

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee to the said Report—

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Bill for establishing Ferries

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for the Establishment of three Ferries in this Province at the Places therein mentioned with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House—

Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Persons purchasing Lands from the Indians

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing persons trading with them without License.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Simpson do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday March 7th 1765.

presented and read 1st time

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according To Order a Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and preventing persons trading with them without Licence which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time—

Mr. Jones qualifies and takes his Seat

William Jones Esqr returned Representative for the Parish of St John proved himself duly qualified to serve according to the Terms presscribed by the Act of Assembly of this Province and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House.

House takes into Consideration the Amendts. made by the Upper House to the ferry Bill

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intituled an Act for the Establishment of three Ferries in this Province at the places therein mentioned and agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the following Message to the Upper House—

Commons House of Assembly
March 7th 1765

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House thereon

This House having taken under Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for the Establishment of three Ferries in this Province at the places therein mentioned have agreed to some and disagreed to others and therefore desire you will appoint a Committee of your House to join a Committee of this House in a Conferrence on the subject Matter of the said Amendments and if you please to join therein this House desires you will appoint your Number Time and Place.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly
March 7th 1765.

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House in Answer thereto

In answer to your Message desiring a Conferrence on the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act for the Establishment of three Ferries in this Province at the places therein mentioned this House doth agree to the said Conferrence and hath appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately.

Committee

The Honorable James Edward Powell, Grey Elliott, James Read, Lewis Johnson Esqrs

Ordered That Mr Noble Wimberly Jones Mr Simpson Mr Crooke Mr Milledge Sir Patrick Houstoun and

Mr Ewen be a Committee to join the Committee of the Upper House in the said Conference.

Commissioners for erecting Fort at Cockspur lay their Accts. before the House

The Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province for erecting a Fort on Cockspur Island in the River Savannah laid their Accounts before the House and a Committee was appointed to examine the same.

Motion that the House resolve into a Committee to consider Ways and Means for raising £1599..7..1½

Motion was made that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of £1599.. 7.. 1½ Sterling for defraying the Expences of Government in this Province for one year commencing the 29th September 1764 and ending the 29th September 1765.

Resolved That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of £1599.. 7.. 1½ Sterling for defraying the Expences of the Government of this Province for one Year commencing the 29th September 1764 and ending the 29th September 1765.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had considered of Ways and Means for raising the said Sum and had come to a Resolution which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the Resolution in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House and is as follows Viz^t

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this Committee

Report of the said Committee

That for raising and granting to His Majesty the Sum of £1599.. 7.. 1½ Sterling for defraying the necessary Charges of Government of this Province for one year commencing the 29th September 1764 and ending the 29th September 1765 a General Tax be laid in the following manner to wit.

	£		
On 535,000 Acres of Land 2/6 pr 100 Acres	668..	15..	0
On 5057 Negroes 2/6 ꝑ head.....	632	2..	6
On Goods imported bought for £60,000 Sterling 7/6 per Cent	225..	0..	0
On Money at Interest £1500 ½ pr Cent	9..	–..	–
On Town Lots per £100 Value 7/6	27..	–..	–
On Improvements thereon 5/	22..	10..	–
On Free Negroes 15/ per Head	15..	–..	–
	£1599..	7..	6

RESOLVED That leave be given to bring in a Bill for granting to His Majesty the Sum of £1599.. 7.. 1½ Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1765 to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears and that Mr Ewen and Mr Simpson do prepare and bring in the same.

Tax Bill presented and read 1st Time

The said Bill being prepared Mr Ewen presented the same to the House according to Order and it was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second time—

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday March 8th 1765

Bill to prevent Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians Read 2d Time and committed

The Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent private Persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing Persons trading with them without Licence was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

House resolves into a Committee on said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ottolenghe from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and agreed thereto without Amendment and he delivered the Bill in at the Table—

Ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill be ingrossed.

Mr. Speaker to purchase Statutes of Great Britain for the use of the House

RESOLVED That Mr Speaker do purchase for the Use of this House a compleat Set of the Statutes of Great Britain and that this House will provide for the Expence thereof.

Tax Bill read the 2d Time and Committed

The Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty the Sum of One thousand five hundred and Ninety Nine pounds seven shillings and one penny half penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty five to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears was read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

House resolves into a Committee thereon

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will on Monday Morning next resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday March 9th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday March 11th 1765

Bill to prevent Persons purchasing Lands from the Indians read 3d Time and passed.

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and to prevent persons trading with them without License was read the third Time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

House further considers Tax Bill

The House according to Order resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty the Sum of One thousand five hundred and Ninety nine Pounds seven shillings and one penny half penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty five to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House when the House will be pleased to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said Report be received Tomorrow Morning—

Petition of Sir Patrick Houston and others

A Petition of Sir Patrick Houstoun Baronet the Honorable Noble Jones The Honorable Francis Harris Esqr Noble Wimberly Jones Charles Watson William Ewen William Spencer Henry Bourquin Esqrs and many others Planters and Inhabitants of this Province whose Names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read in the following Words Vizt

> To the Honorable the President and the Members of His Majestys Council and to the Honorable Alexander Wylly Speaker and to the Members of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia—

The Petition of several Inhabitants of the said Province

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners have had alloted them several Tracts of Land in the said Province the major part of which Allotments were made during the Government of the Trustees for establishing the Colony of Georgia and for which they have since obtained His Majesty's Grants.

That your Petitioners to their equal Surprise and Concern are informed that the said Lands are said to be claimed by Sir William Baker Knight under a Grant from the proprietors of South Carolina prior to the Division and Settlement of this Province.

That some of your Petitioners had some of their Lands alotted them as a Recompence for their Services in this Province and others who were Soldiers in General Oglethorpe's late Regiment disbanded here had each a Tract of fifty acres within the Limits said to be claimed as aforesaid ordered them in Consequence of His late Majesty's Instructions at the Reduction of that Regiment—

That it appears that several of the Farm Lots laid out at the first Settlement of the Province and annexed to the Town Lots in Savannah and conveyed by the Trustees to several persons in Trust for the Freeholders of the said Town are also within the said Claim.

That the Village of Vernonburgh in particular (the greatest part of which is included in the said Claim) was laid out in Small Tracts to several of your Petitioners or their Ancestors whose unwearied and continued Industry has been employed in improving a Soil so bar-

ren that without the effectual Efforts they have made would scarce be fit for any purpose of Cultivation.

That the Majority of your Petitioners are persons in middling and many of them in low Circumstances the chief of whose Substances is their Lands and the Improvements thereon erected at the Expence and by the hard manual Labour of themselves and their forefathers for upwards of thirty years—

That should they now be turned off from their respective Habitations not only themselves (many of them bending under the weight of years and infirmities) would be reduced to the lowest Ebb of Distress and Want but their helpless and in many Instances numerous Families must inevitably become Sharers therein

That your Petitioners cannot but observe that as they were ignorant of the said Claim they must be cleared of any voluntary Incroachments upon the Lands said to be claimed by the said Sir William Baker your Petitioners taking up and emproveing their several Allotments upon the repeated Encouragement given to induce Settlers to come into the Province the Error and Misconduct of any must therefore in Justice be imputed to those who made the Allotments—

Your Petitioners confiding in the often experienced Tenderness and Attention of Our most Gracious Sovereign to the Welfare and Interest of His meanest and most remote Subjects beg leave to pray that your Honorable Houses duly weighing the melancholy Situation they are in with respect to their Property will please to give Directions to the provincial Agent concerning the premises and strongly recommend to him to lay their Case in the most respectful Manner before His sacred

Majesty or such Board as may be necessary to procure them that Relief it may be thought to deserve.

And your Petitioner's shall ever pray &c.

RESOLVED That this House will give Instructions to the Committee of Correspondence with the Provincial Agent to direct him strongly to sollicit Relief in the Premesses.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday March 12th 1765.

Report of the Committee upon the Amendts made to the Tax Bill

Mr Ewen according to order reported the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole House to the Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty's the Sum of One thousand five hundred and Ninety Nine Pounds seven shillings and one penny half penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year 1765 to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

The said Bill being ingrossed.

Motion was made that the said Bill be now read the third Time.

read the 3d Time

ORDERED That the said Bill be now read a third Time.

The same being read a third time accordingly,

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Bill for building Fort &ca. with Amendts.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for building a Fort and Barracks within the same on the Lands reserved for the Use of the Publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in the Fort in the Town of Frederica on the Island of St Simon and for granting to His Majesty the Sum of £650 Sterling to defray the Expence of the same also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for the said purposes with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

House considers said Amendts.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill and Agreed to some and disagreed to others.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry the following Message to the Upper House.

Commons House of Assembly
March 12th 1765.

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House thereon

This House having taken into Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the Bill intituled an Act for building a Fort and Barracks within the same on the Lands reserved for the Use of the Publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of Saint Paul a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in

the Fort in the Town of Frederica on the Island of St Simon and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of £650 Sterling to defray the Expence of the same also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for those Purposes have agreed to some and disagreed to others and therefore desires you will appoint a Committee of your House, to join a Committee of this House in a Conference upon the Subject Matter of the said Amendments and if you please to join therein this House desires you will appoint your Number Time and Place.

Motion for Leave to bring in an Ordinance for appointing Comptroller Collector & Waiter

Motion was made for leave to bring in An Ordinance for appointing Francis Lee Esqr Comptroller and Collector of the Country Duties at the port of Sunbury and for appointing Daniel Nunez Waiter for the Port of Savannah in this Province.

ORDERED That Mr Ottolenghe and Mr Ewen do prepare and bring in the same—

And then the House adjourned Till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday March 13th 1765.

Said Ordinance presented and read 1st Time

Mr Ottolenghe presented to the House according to Order an Ordinance for appointing Francis Lee Esqr Comptroller and Collector of the Country Duties at the Port of Sunbury and for appointing Daniel Nunez Waiter for the port of Savannah in this province which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time—

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House of Assembly
June 13th 1765.

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House desiring a Conference on Amendts. made to the Fort Bill

In Answer to your Message desiring a Conference upon the Subject Matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled an Act for building a Fort and Barracks within the same on the Lands reserved for the Use of the Publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in the Fort in The Town of Frederica on the Island of St Simon and for granting to His Majesty the Sum of £650 Sterling to defray the Expence of the same also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for the said purposes this House doth agree to the said Conferrence and hath appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately—

The Committee are

The Honorable James Edward Powell
Grey Elliott ..... } Esqrs
James Read .....

Committee appointed for said Conferrence.

ORDERED That Mr Noble Wimberly Jones Sir Patrick Houstoun Mr Crooke Mr Simpson and Mr Ewen be a Committee to join the Committee of the Upper House in the said Conference who returning Mr Jones reported that they had agreed to some of the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill with some Alterations and that the Committee of the Upper House had receded from the rest of the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill and he read the Alterations

made in the Amendments in the Said Conference to which the House agreed.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday March 14th 1765

Ordinance for appointing Comptroller &ca read 2d Time

The Ordinance for appointing Francis Lee Esqr Comptroller and Collector of the Country Duties at the port of Sunbury and for appointing Daniel Nunez Waiter for the Port of Savannah in this province was read a second time.

Ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Ordinance be ingrossed.

The said Ordinance being ingrossed.

Motion was made that the said Ordinance be now read a third Time.

ORDERED That the said Ordinance be now read a third Time.

read 3d Time and passed

And the same being read the third Time accordinly—

RESOLVED That the same do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

House resolves into a Committee further to consider Bill to suppress Lotteries &ca.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported that they had gone through the

said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the Amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed

House further considers Bill for better regulating Taverns &ca.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns and Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Crooke from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the Amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ordered to be ingrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday March 15th 1765.

Bill to suppress Lotteries &ca. read 3d Time and passed

The Bill intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming was read the Third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence.

Bill for further regulating Taverns &ca read 3d Time and passed

The Bill intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors was read the third Time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED That Mr Crooke do carry up the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday March 16th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday March 18th 1765

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Bill to suppress Lotteries &ca.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery acquainting the House that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Additional Act to an Act intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other Excessive and Deceitful Gaming without any Amendments.

and to the Bill for better regulating Taverns &ca.

And also that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Additional Act to an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors without any Amendments.

To the Bill for appointing Comptroller &ca.

And also that the Upper House had agreed to an Ordinance for Appointing Francis Lee Esqr Comptroller and Collector of the Country Duties at the Port of Sunbury and for appointing Daniel Nunez Waiter for the Port of Savannah in this province without any Amendment.

and that they had passed a Bill for preventing the spreading of the Small Pox

And also that the Upper House had passed a Bill intituled an Act for effectually preventing the spreading of the Small Pox in this Province to which they desired the Concurrence of this House—

ingrossed Bill from the Upper House to prevent the spreading of the Small Pox read 1st time

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House intituled an Act for effectually preventing the spreading the Small Pox in this Province was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday March 19th 1765.

read 2d Time and committed

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House intituled an Act for the more effectually preventing the spreading of the small Pox in this Province was read a second Time and committed—

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

House resolves into a Committee on said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and

made some Amendments thereto which he read in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Mr. Simpson ordered to carry up the Tax Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry up to the Upper House the Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty the Sum of One thousand five hundred and ninety nine Pounds seven shillings and one penny half penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty five to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears, and desire the Concurrence of the Upper House thereto—

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday March 20th 1765.

Ingrossed Bill from the Upper House preventing the spreading of the Small Pox read 3d Time and passed

The ingrossed Bill from the Upper House intituled an Act for the more effectual preventing the spreading of the small Pox in this Province was read the third Time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass.

ORDERED that Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry up the said Bill to the Upper House and acquaint them that this House hath agreed thereto with some Amendments to which this House doth desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Tax Bill

Chancery acquainting this House that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty the Sum of one thousand five hundred and ninety nine pounds seven shillings and one penny half penny Sterling for the Use and support of the Government of Georgia for the year 1765 to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears.

And to the Bill for laying a Duty on Goods imported from the Northward

And also to a Bill intituled an Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on the several Articles therein mentioned that shall hereafter be imported from any of His Majestys Colonies to the Northward of the Province of South Carolina and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom in Aid of the General Tax—

As also to an Ordinance for appointing Comptroller &ca.

And also an ordinance for appointing Francis Lee Esqr Comptroller and Collector of the Country Duties at the Port of Sunbury and for appointing Daniel Nunez Waiter for the Port of Savannah in this Province without any Amendments.

Clerk of the House ordered to enter the Minutes in the fair Journal Book

ORDERED That the Clerk of this House do enter the Minutes and Proceedings of this House from the first of February 1762 to the 29th February 1764 inclusive in the fair Journal Book and that Mr Ottolenghe Mr Jones and Mr Simpson do examine and compare the same with the Original Minutes when done and do also examine the Minutes of the Proceedings of this House from the 29th of February 1764 to the 25th of March 1765 that the same may be also entered by the Clerk in the Journal Book by the next Session of the General Assembly.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday March 21st 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Fryday March 22d 1765.

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till To Morrow morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday March 23d 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday March 25th 1765

Instructions to the Committee of Correspondence with the provincial agent

RESOLVED That this House do give Instructions to the Committee of Correspondence with the Provincial Agent to direct him to make proper Application and to use his utmost Endeavours for the obtaining a Repeal of such parts of an Act of Parliament of Great Britain passed in the fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty intituled an Act for granting certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America; for continuing amending and making perpetual an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the second intituled an Act for the better securing and

encouraging the Trade of His Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America; for applying the produce of such Duties and of the Duties to arise by Virtue of the said Act towards defraying the Expences of defending protecting and securing the said Colonies and Plantations; for explaining an Act made in the twenty fifth Year of King Charles the second intituled an Act for the Encouragment of the Greenland and Eastland Trades and for better securing the Plantation Trade; and for altering and disallowing several Drawbacks on Exports from this Kingdom and more effectually preventing the clandestine conveyance of Goods to and from the said Colonies and Plantations and improving and securing the Trade between the same and Great Britain as particularly effect the Trade of this Province and fully to instruct him on that Head and to Act in concert with any Agent or Agents of the Northern Colonies for obtaining Redress so far as his Instructions shall authorise him.

Resolved That this House do give Instructions to the Committee of Correspondence with the Provincial Agent to direct him to sollicit in the strongest manner His most Gracious Majesty's Royal Assent to an Act passed this present Session of General Assembly intituled an Act for the better strenghening and settling of this Province by compelling the several persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from His Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a Number of White Persons or Negroes in proportion to the Lands they claim to hold agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands and to cultivate and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said several Tracts of Land by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several Plats in the surveyor General's Office also for registering

and docqueting such Grants in the other proper Offices in this Province—

Abstracts of Acts to be published in the Gazettee

ORDERED That the Printer do publish in the next Gazette Abstracts of the following Acts passed this present Session of General Assembly viz[t] An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent as much as be the spreading of the small pox in this Province; an Act intituled an Additional Act to an Act intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming; and an Act intituled an additional Act to an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors.

Surveyor General to make out out a Plat of the Land claimed by Alderman Baker.

ORDERED That the Surveyor General do make out an accurate Plat of the Land in this Province said to be claimed by Sir William Baker and that the Committee of Correspondence with the provincial Agent do transmit the same to him—

Message from the Upper House

A Message from the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

M[r] Speaker

His Excellency the Governor desires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately.

The House attends the Governor in the Council Chamber where he assents to several Bills and two Ordinances

Accordingly M[r] Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills Viz[t]

An Act for the better ordering the Militia of this Province.

An Act to amend an Act to prevent Persons throwing Balast or falling Trees into the Rivers and navigable

Creeks within this Province and for keeping clear the Channels of the same—

An Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveighling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers.

An Act for raising a Fund by an Impost on Shipping to defray the Expence of keeping in Repair or rebuilding the Light House and Pilot House on Tybee Island.

An Act to extend and enforce the Authority of the several Laws therein mentioned to and throughout the Territory lately annexed to this Province for dividing the same into Parishes and for adding the Island of Jekyl to the Parish of S[t] James.

An Act for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by compelling the several Persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from His Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a Number of White persons or Negroes in proportion to the Lands the claim to hold agreeable to His Majesty's Royal Instructions for granting Lands and to cultivate and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said several Tracts of Lands by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several Plats in the Surveyor General's Office also for registering and docqueting such Grants in the other proper Offices in this Province.

An Act to continue several Acts therein mentioned to prevent Masters of Vessels from carry off Persons in Debt to continue the several Road Acts and an Act to prevent the stealing Horses and Neat Cattle—

An additional Act to an Act intituled an Act to suppress Lotteries and prevent other excessive and deceitful Gaming.

An additional Act to an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors.

An Act to empower Commissioners to Lease or Let out for a certain Term of Years the Lot of Land commonly called the Spring near Savannah and to rent the Building in Savannah commonly called the Watch House and to appropriate the Monies arising therefrom.

An Ordinance appointing William Knox Esqr Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain

An Act for granting to His Majesty a Duty on sundry Articles therein mentioned that shall hereafter be imported from any of His Majesty's Colonies to the Northward of the Province of South Carolina and for appropriating the Money arising therefrom in Aid of the General Tax.

An Act for building a Fort and Barracks within the same on the Lands reserved for the Use of the Publick near the Town of Augusta in the Parish of St Paul a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in the Fort in the Town of Frederica on the Island of St Simon and for granting to His Majesty the Sum of Six hundred and fifty pounds Sterling to defray the Expence of the same; also for appointing and empowering Commissioners to isue Certificates for the said Purposes—

An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the admeasuring and laying out His Majesty's Lands in this Province.

An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent

private persons from purchasing Lands of the Indians and for preventing persons trading with them without Licence

An Act for granting to His Majesty the Sum of One thousand five hundred and ninety nine pounds seven shillings and one penny half penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty five to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears.

An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent as much as may be the spreading of the Small Pox in this Province.

An Ordinance for appointing Francis Lee Esqr Comptroller and Collector of the Country Duties at the port of Sunbury and for appointing Daniel Nunez Waiter for the Port of Savannah in this Province—

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Honorable Gentlemen

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Governor's Speech at the close of the Session

Before I put an End to this Session I must return you my Thanks so justly due for the Attention you have given to the several Matters recommended by me. And Gentlemen altho' I have now assented to several beneficial and useful Laws yet let me observe to you that the real Benefit of all Laws howsoever wisely they are framed chiefly depends upon the due and regular Execution of them. I must therefore in the strongest manner request and recommend it to you who have any share in the Executive Power to exert yourselves in all such Matters as may come within your Province to execute and to enforce

an impartial and steady observation of the many good Laws not only now but which have been heretofore enacted a general supiness in the Execution thereof being but too evident.

Council Chamber JA: WRIGHT.
25th March 1765.

And then his Excellency said

Mr Speaker

Governor prorogue's the Assembly

I do prorogue the Commons House of Assembly until Tuesday the 25th Day of June next and the Commons House of Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the 25th Day of June next.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

GEORGIA.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the second Session of the sixth General Assembly of the said Province met according to Prorogation at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the Twenty second Day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and sixty five—

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Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the second Session of the sixth General Assembly of the said Province met according to Prorogation at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the Twenty second Day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and sixty five.—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday October 22d 1765

The House met according to Prorogation and then adjourned 'till To morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday October 23d 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and adjourned 'till To morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday October 24th 1765

Several Members qualify

John Mulrayne Esqr elected and returned to serve in general Assembly Representative for the Islands of Wilmington Tybee Skidoway and Green Island in the Parish of Christ Church Josiah Tatnell Esqr returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for the Town and District of Ebenezer and Parish of Saint Matthew Isaac Young Esqr returned to serve in general Assembly for Goshen and Abercorn in the said Parish and Andrew Johnston Esqr returned to serve in General Assembly for Halifax and Parish of Saint George qualified them-

selves to serve as Representatives according to Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled "an Act to ascertain the Manner and Form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assemsembly" and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oaths of Abjuration and then took their Seats as Members of this House—

A Call of the House

ORDERED That there be a Call of this House on Monday next

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker

Message from the Governor

His Excellency the Governor requires this House to attend him in the Council Chamber immediately.

House attend his Excellency.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency and that he had been pleased to make an affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly of which Mr Speaker said to prevent Mistakes he had obtained a Copy which was read to the House and is as follows.

Honorable Gentlemen

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly—

The Governor's Speech to both Houses

Amid the Blessings of Peace let us give our Attention to such Objects as may best encrease the strength and Wealth of this valuable and thriving Colony We have good Lands but want Inhabitants to cultivate and improve them every possible Means and Assistance there-

fore should be used and given to attain this desirable End and invite good Settlers to come amongst us and it gives me great Pleasure to have it in my Power to inform you that in Consequence of a Reserve made of Land for a Township on Great Ogechee River about One hundred and forty Miles from Savannah a considerable Number of industrious reputable protestant Families are willing and ready to come over from Ireland to this Province to settle on those Lands provided they can be assisted towards paying their Passage out and in some other little Matters also have their Lands exempted from the provincial Tax for a reasonable Time.—

The many and great Advantages that will result to the Province by having a Settlement of a Number of sober regular and industrious Families in that Part of the Country are so evident that it is needless for me to hint at them I shall lay before you a Sketch of the Expence and propose a Method by which I hope the Assistance desired may be easily given and doubt not but you will go as far on this Occasion as the Nature of it deserves consistent with the present Situation and Circumstances of the People

The Encouragement and Ease of Trade and Navigation also deserves our serious Attention in so far as lies in our Power to give assistance I must therefore recommend to your Consideration the Inmprovement of the Navigation of our River at least that you will fall on effectual Means to prevent its growing worse by the great Quantities of Earth and Sand that in rainy Seasons washes and breaks down into it from the Bluff before the Town and which must in a short Time considerably affect and injure the Navigation It likewise seems expedient to make some Addition to the Law for regulating Pilots by which the Commissioners may be further impowered and enabled to compel them to be more at-

tentive and vigilant in the Discharge of their Duty. These and any other proper Measures that may appear necessary or useful towards the Advancement of the publick Weal I shall most heartily concur with you in and am certain I need not use any Arguments to induce you to set about them with a becoming Spirit nor mention on this Occasion Harmony and Temper but give me leave to recommend Dispatch which must doubtless render the Session more agreable and pleasant to every Person concerned.

Gentlemen of the Assembly

I shall direct an Account of the Produce of the last Year's Tax to be laid before you and the usual Estimate for the Service of the Current Year which I must request you to provide for in such Manner as you may judge most agreeable to your Constituents

JA: WRIGHT.

RESOLVED That an Address of Thanks be presented to his Excellency for his affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly

Committee to draw up an address of Thanks.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson Doctor Jones Sir Patrick Houstoun Colonel Mulrayne and Mr Johnston be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday October 25th 1765

Report of the said Committee

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to his Excellency reported that they had prepared one accordingly which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the said Report be now made.

Then Mr Simpson in his Place read the Report and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read

Motion was made that the Address be refer'd to a Committee of the whole House

The House resolves into a Committee thereon.

RESOLVED That the House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Address under Consideration

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Address and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.—

ORDERED That the Report be now made.

Agreed to and ordered to be engrossed.

Then Mr Simpson in his Place read the Report and afterwards delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments being again read were severally agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Address with the Amendments be engrossed.—

The engrossed Address was read to the House in the Words following Viz:

Address to the Governor

To His Excellency James Wright Esq[r] Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of his Majesty's Province of Georgia in general Assembly met return your Excellency our most sincere and unfeigned Thanks for your Speech to both Houses.

allow us Sir to assure you that our utmost Attention shall be exerted for promoting and maintaining the Wealth and Strength of this Province We will pursue every Measure towards furthering the Increase of it's Inhabitants and most chearfully (when the Sketch you propose is laid before us) give all the Encouragement in our Power to induce those People for whom Lands have been reserved to settle amongst us.—

Your Excellency's tender Care and Vigilance for promoting the Commercial Interests of this Province demand our warmest Acknowledgments and we beg leave to assure you that we will as far as is consistent with our present Circumstances contribute towards the Improvement of the Navigation of the River and that the Law for regulating the Pilotage shall be particularly attended to and such Amendments made as we hope will render it more effectual—

We cannot doubt Sir, of your Readiness to concur in

every proper Measure that may be requisite for the publick Welfare and we should think ourselves deficient in our Duty under your Excellency's mild Administration if we did not endeavour to preserve a general Harmony and Temper in all our Transactions and give that necessary Dispatch you so earnestly recommend.—

We will consider the Produce of the last Years Tax and for the necessary Services of the current Year we will chearfully provide

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the Address and he signed it accordingly

RESOLVED That the Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Sir Patrick Houstoun wait on his Excellency and acquaint him that this House having an Address to present to him desire to know when he will be pleased to be waited on therewith who being returned Mr Simpson reported that they had waited on his Excellency and that he was pleased to say he should be ready to receive the House with their Address immediately—

House wait on the Governor with said address

Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency and presented their Address to which his Excellency had been pleased to give the following Answer

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

His Excellency's answer

I am very much obliged to you for this friendly Address by which you so heartily concur with me in Sentiment your generous Approbation of my Conduct gives me great Satisfaction and you may be assured I shall

with Pleasure contribute to the utmost of my Power towards the Welfare and Happiness of the People in every Way consistent with the Commission I have the Honor to bear

25th Octr 1765 JA: WRIGHT

Mr. Gibbons qualifys and takes his seat

Joseph Gibbons Esqr elected and returned to serve in general Assembly Representative for the Parish of Saint John qualified according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intituled "an Act to ascertain the Manner and Form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly" and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday October 26th 1765

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning Ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday October 28th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment.

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to punish

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating of Seamen &c.

Seamen or Mariners neglecting or deserting their Duty on board their respective ships or Vessels and for preventing Seamen or Mariners from being harboured or running in Debt.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Sir Patrick Houstoun be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Call of the House

The Order of the Day being read for the Call of the House it was called over accordingly and the Name of Edward Barnard John Francis Williams Thomas Waters and George McIntosh Esqrs being called over and neither themselves nor any Excuse appearing.

Order thereon

ORDERED That the Clerk do send Letters to those Gentlemen by Express to acquaint them that the House requires their immediate Attendance and that the Expence of sending such Notice be paid by themselves.—

Seamen's Bill presented and read 1st Time

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to punish Seamen or Mariners neglecting or deserting their Duty on board their respective Ships or Vessels and for preventing Seamen or Mariners from being harboured or running in Debt reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time—

Motion for leave to bring in the Road Bill

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to impower the several Commissioners hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions.—

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Sir Patrick Houstoun be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Motion for Leave to bring in the Patrol Bill

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slaves unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Sir Patrick Houstoun be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

RESOLVED That this House will To morrow Morning take under Consideration the Answer returned by Joseph Ottolenghe Esqr a Member of this House in Consequence of a Message sent him requiring his Attendance.—

Patrol Bill presented and read the 1st Time

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson have leave of Absence 'till Monday next.—

Motion for the Committee of Correspondence to lay before the House the Agents Letters

Motion was made that the Committee of Correspondence do lay before the House all Letters received by them from the Agent of this Province during the Recess of the General Assembly as also Copies of all Letters sent by them to the said Agent within the Time aforesaid —

ORDERED That the said Committee do lay the same before the House To morrow Morning

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday October 29th 1765

Answer of Mr. Ottolenghe considered.

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Answer returned by Joseph Ottolenghe Esqr a Member of this House in Consequence of a Message sent him requiring his Attendance the House took the same under Consideration accordingly

His Excuse for Non attendance admitted

RESOLVED That the Excuse sent to the House by that Gentleman respecting his Non-Attendance be admitted.

Road Bill presented and read the first Time.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower the several Commissioners hereafter named to lay out and make Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and repective Divisions reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.—

Patrol Bill read a 2d Time

The Bill for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slave unless such Slave shall have a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer was read a second Time and ordered to be committed

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill under Consideration

The House resolved itself into a Committee accord-

House resolves itself into a Committee thereon.

ingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same.—

Amendments thereof agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Report be now made and he read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Speaker informs the House that he had reced during the Recess of the Assembly a Letter from Saml. White Esqr. Speaker of the House of Representatives of Massa. Bay.

Mr Speaker informed the House that during the Recess of the general Assembly he had received a Letter from Samuel White Esqr Speaker of the House of Representatives at Massachusetts Bay acquainting that their House had unanimously agreed to propose a Meeting at the City of New York of Committees from the Houses of Representatives of the several British Colonies on this Continent on the first Tuesday in October Instant to consult together on the present Circumstances of the Colonies and the Difficulties to which they are and must be reduced by the Operation of Acts of Parliament for laying Duties and Taxes on the Colonies and to consider of an humble Representation to his Majesty and the Parliament, and to implore relief that Mr Speaker did immediately upon Receipt of such Letters dispatch Expresses to the several Representatives of this Province acquainting them with the Purport thereof and requesting them to meet at Savannah without the least Delay and they having accordingly met to the Number of Sixteen on Monday the second day of September last past he did by the Consent and Approbation of those Gentlemen return by particular Express an Answer to the said Letter directed to

the said Samuel White Esqr which Letter and Answer Mr Speaker laid before the House and are as follows Viz^t

Province of the Mass^a Bay
Boston June (sic) 1765

Sir

Mr. White's Letter to the Speaker

The House of Representatives of this Province in the present Session of the General Court have unanimously agreed to propose a Meeting as soon as may be of Committes from the Houses of Representatives or Burgesses of the several British Colonies on this Continent to consult together on the present Circumstances of the Colonies and the Difficulties to which they are and must be reduced by the Operation of the Acts of Parliament for levying Duties and Taxes on the Colonies and to consider of a general and united dutiful loyal and humble Representation of their Condition to his Majesty and the Parliament and to implore Relief. The House of Representatives of this Province have also voted to propose such Meeting to be at the City of New York in the Province of New York on the first Tuesday of October next and have appointed a Committee of three of their Members to attend that Service with such as the other Houses of Representatives or Burgesses in the several Colonies may think fit to appoint to meet them and the Committee of the House of Representatives of this Province are directed to repair to the said New York on said first Tuesday of October next accordingly

If therefore your honorable House should agree to this Proposal it would be acceptable that as early Notice

of it as possible might be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of this Province.

SAM[l] WHITE Spk

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives in Georgia—

Savanah in Georgia Sep[r] 6th 1765

Sir/

Answer thereto

Your Letter dated in June last acquainting me That the House of Representatives of your Province had unanimously agreed to propose a Meeting at the City of New York of Committees from the Houses of Representatives of the several British Colonies on this Continent on this first Tuesday in October next to consult together on the present Circumstances of the Colonies and the Difficulties to which they are and must be reduced by the Operation of the Acts of Parliament for laying Duties and Taxes on the Colonies and to consider of an humble Representation of their Condition to his Majesty and the Parliament and to implore Relief, came to hand at an unlucky Season it being in the Recess of the General Assembly of this Province Nevertheless immediately upon the Receipt of your Letter I dispatched Expresses to the several Representatives of this Province acquainting them with the Purport thereof and requesting them to meet at this Place without the least Delay and accordingly they met here on Monday last to the Number of sixteen being a large Majority of the Representatives of this Province the whole consisting of Twenty five Persons but his Excellency our Governor being applied to did not think it expedient to call them together on the Occasion which is the reason of their not sending a Committee as proposed by your House for you may be as-

sured Sir that no Representatives of any Province on this Continent can more sincerely concur in the Measures proposed than do the Representatives of this Province now met together neither can any People as Individuals more warmly espouse the Common Cause of the Colonies than the People of this Province.

The Gentlemen now present request it as a Favour you'l be pleased to send me a Copy of such Representation as may be agreed upon by the several Committees at New York and acquaint them how and in what Manner the same is to be lain before the King and Parliament whether by any Person particularly authorized for that Purpose or by the Colony Agents

The General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to the twenty second Day of October next which is the time it generally meets for the Dispatch of the ordinary Business of the Province and I doubt not the Representatives of this Province will then in their Legislative Capacity take under Consideration the Grievances so justly complained of and transmit their sense of the same to Great Britain in such Way as may seem best calculated to obtain Redress and so as to convince the Sister Colonies of their inviolable Attachment to the Common Cause

I am Sir

Your most Ob^t hble Servt

ALEX WYLLY.

To Saml White Esqr Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay at Boston in New England.

Thanks of the House to Mr. Speaker

RESOLVED That the Thanks of this House be given to Mr Speaker for the extraordinary Care and Trouble he has been pleased to take on this very interesting and important Occasion.

RESOLVED That this House will provide for the Expence, incurred in Consequence thereof

Resolutions ordered to be published in the Gazettee

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish the Printer with a Copy of these Resolutions and that the same be published in the next Gazettee

Agent's Letters laid before the House.

The Committee of Correspondence (according to Order) laid before the House the several Letters received by them from the Agent of this Province during the Recess of the general Assembly and also Copies of the Answers sent to the said Agent

And then the House adjourned 'till To morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday October 30th 1765.

Estimate of the Expence for the Encouragement of settlers

The Master in Chancery laid before the House by Order of his Excellency the Governor a Paper intitled a Sketch of the Expence and Encouragement proposed for bringing over three hundred Irish to settle in this Province

Estimate for 1766 laid before the House

also—An Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year commencing the 29th September 1765 and ending 29th September 1766—

ORDERED That the said Papers do lie on the Table to be perused by the Members of the House.

Road Bill read a second Time

The Bill to impower the several Commissioners hereafter named to lay out and make such Publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are hereinafter mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions was read a second Time and ordered to be Committed.

Seamen's Bill read the third Time.

The engrossed Bill entitled an Act to punish Seamen or Mariners neglecting or deserting their Duty on board their respective Ships or Vessels and for preventing Seamen or Mariners from being harboured or running in Debt was read a third Time—

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

House resolves into a Committee upon the Patrol Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider of the Bill for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slave unless such slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill under Consideration and gone through part thereof and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again

Motion was made that an Address be presented to his

Motion for Address to the Governor to issue two Writs of Election

Excellency to desire he will be pleased to give Directions for issuing Writs for the Election of two Representatives to serve in general Assembly one for the Parish of Saint John in the Room of John Martin Esqr who has declined taking his Seat and another for Great Ogechee and Parish of Saint Philip in the Room of Richard Cunningham Crooke Esqr who is gone to England.

ORDERED That such Address be drawn up and presented to his Excellency by Mr Gibbons and Mr Cochran

And then the House adjourned 'till To morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday October 31st 1765.

House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Patrol Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Bill entitled an Act for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the Report be now made then Mr Ewen read the Report in his Place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Mr Gibbons and Mr Cochran (according to Order) waited on his Excellency the Governor with an Address desiring he would be pleased to give Directions for issuing Writs for the Election of two Representatives to serve in general Assembly One for the Parish of Saint John in the Room of John Martin Esqr who had declined taking his Seat and the other for Great Ogechee and Parish of Saint Philip in the Room of Richard Cunningham Crooke Esqr who is gone to England and being returned. Mr Gibbons reported that his Excellency was pleased to say he would give Directions accordingly.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen/

Message from his Excellency

Having been informed that several anonymous threatening Letters were received yesterday by some Gentlemen in this Town in Order therefore to detect if possible the Author or Authors of those Letters and bring them to the Punishment they deserve for such an Insult upon Government and Offence of so dangerous Tendency I have ordered the Attorney General to prepare a proper Proclamation in which I shall offer a Reward of fifty Pounds Sterling to any Person who will discover the author or authors of the said Letters and give Evidence against him or them to be paid on Conviction of the Party I must therefore recommend it to Your Consideration whether you think it expedient or not to provide for the Payment of the said fifty Pounds in Case of a Discovery and Convictions as above.

JA: WRIGHT

31st October 1765

The House immediately took the said Message into Consideration and

RESOLVED That this House doth and will provide the Sum of fifty Pounds Sterling to enable his Excellency the Governor to offer a Reward for the Discovery and Conviction of the Author or Authors of several anonymous threatening Letters received yesterday by some Gentlemen in this Town—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Sir Patrick Houstoun do wait on his Excellency the Governor with the following Message

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same—

May it please your Excellency

The Commons House of Assembly having taken into Consideration your Excellency's Message of this Day and being sensible how absolutely necessary it is that the Author or Authors of those anonymous threatening Letters should be brought to Justice and that this House may shew becoming Detestation and just Abhorence of such malignant Practices have unanimously resolved to provide the Sum of fifty Pounds Sterling to be paid to the Informer or Informers on Conviction of the Offender or Offenders.

A Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint John whose names were thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read setting forth That, Whereas by an Act of the general Assembly fixing the Boundaries of the several Parishes of this Province Saint John's Parish was to extend Southward as far as Hasting's lower Corner and from thence a direct Course

Northwest by which Course it appears that several of the Inhabitants are taken into the Parish of Saint Andrew also a considerable quantity of other Lands belonging to the People of Midway and Newport very remote from the Heart of the Settlement of Saint Andrew's contiguous to Saint John's that by Means whereof the said Petitioners laboured under many Inconveniences in the Discharge of their Publick Duties, and humbly praying that the said Line might be removed so far Southward as the House in its Wisdom shall think meet.

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie on the Table

Message from the Upper House

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—that the Upper House had passed a Bill to amend an Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Dealers and others and Ship Masters Super Cargoes and other transient Persons—also a Bill to explain and amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailers of spirituous Liquors—and to a Bill intitled an Act for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province by obliging the Male white Inhabitants within the same to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Publick Worship to which Bills they desired the Concurrence of this House.—

Commissioners of the Publick Roads ordered to lay before the House their Accts.

ORDERED That the Clerk do write to the several Commissioners of the Publick Roads within this Province to transmit their Accounts to him on or before the first Day of December next in Order that they may be laid before the House.—

ORDERED That Mr Cochran have Leave of Absence from the Service of the House 'till Monday next

Edward Barnard Esq[r] a Member of this House being called upon for his late Absence made his Excuse.

RESOLVED That the said Excuse be admitted

M[r] Speaker laid before the House a Letter from John Francis Williams Esq[r] alledging that his ill state of Health would not permit him to attend.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday November 1st 1765

Petition of the Inhabitants of Newington Village

A Petition of the Inhabitants in and about Newington Village was presented to the House and read setting forth that the Petitioners had worked many Years on the North West Road as well as on the private Road leading thro' Newington Village that as the North West Road as far as Goshen is in such Forwardness that the remaining Slaves are sufficient to keep the said Road in Repair and further setting forth That easing the Settlers on the Back Lands and opening a Communication from the private Road leading thro' Newington Village to this Town would greatly encourage the further settling such Lands the Petitioners therefore prayed that the said private Road might be established as a publick One that the Inhabitants of that Neighborhood might be liable to make and keep in Repair the said Road and that they be excused from doing Duty on any other publick Road—

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie on the Table—

an engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an

Engrossed Bill from the Upper House for amending the Tavern Law the engrossed Bill for obliging Persons to carry Fire Arms to Places of publick Worship and engrossed Bill for holding special Courts of Comon Pleas read the first Time.—

Act to explain and amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailors of spirituous Liquors—also an engrossed Bill entitled an Act for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province by obliging the Male White Inhabitants within the same to carry Fire-Arms to all Places of Publick Worship and an engrossed Bill entitled an Act to amend an Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Dealers and others and Ship-Masters Super Cargoes and other transient Persons were read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Patrol Bill read the third Time.

an engrossed Bill entitled an Act for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer was read the third Time.

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Upper House agrees to the Seamen's Bill.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill entitled an Act to punish Seamen or Mariners neglecting or deserting their Duty on board their respective Ships or Vessels and for preventing Seamen or Mariners from being harboured or running in Debt without Amendment.

Agents Letters ordered to be taken under Consideration

RESOLVED That this House will on Thursday next take under Consideration the Letters received by the Committee of Correspondence from the Agent of this Province during the Recess of the general Assembly as

also Copies of the Answers sent by the Committee to the said Agent.

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday November 2d 1765.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning 10 'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday November 4th 1765

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Pilotage.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Simpson be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Bill for obliging Male white Persons to carry Fire Arms to Places of Publick Worship read 2d Time.

An engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an Act for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province by obliging the Male white Inhabitants within the same to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Publick Worship was read a second Time and committed.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration

The House resolved itself into a Committee accord-

House resolves into a Committee thereon.

ingly and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

House agrees to the said Bill with Amendments

ORDERED That the Report be now made then Sir Patrick Houston read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ordered to be engrossed

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed—

Bill for amending the Tavern Law read a second Time.

An engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an Act to amend and explain an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailors of spirituous Liquors was read a second Time and ordered to be read a third Time.

Bill for amending Law for holding spcal Courts of Common Pleas read a 2d Time

An engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an Act to amend an Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Dealers and others and Ship Masters Super Cargoes and other transient Persons was read a second Time and ordered to be read a third Time.

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill for relief of Debtors

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and unable to support themselves during such their Confinement.—

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Colonel Mulrayne be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee appointed

Support of Persons in their unhappy Situation and being altogether deprived of the Means to assist themselves or Families prayed the House to take their deplorable Case into Consideration and grant them such Relief as they in their Wisdom and Compassion shall deem meet.

ORDERED That the said Petitions do lie upon the Table.

House resolves itself into a Committee to consider the Road Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Bill to empower the several Commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are hereinafter mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Doctor Johnson from the Committee reported they had made some Progress therein and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned 'till To morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday November 7th 1765.

Consideration of the Agent's Letters adjourned

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Letters received by the Committee of Correspondence from the Agent of this Province during the Recess of the General Assembly as also Copies of the Answers sent by the said Committee to the said Agent

ORDERED That the said Order of the Day be adjourned over 'till this Day Week.

House resolves itself a Com- (sic) mittee further to consider the Road Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Bill intitled an Act to impower the several Commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr Johnson from the Committee reported they had made some further Progress therein and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday November 8th 1765.

House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Road Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take further into Consideration the Bill entitled an Act to empower the several Commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Doctor Johnson from the Com-

mittee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the Report be received on Monday Morning next.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House 8th Novr 1765

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to several Bills

This House having taken into Consideration the Amendment made by your House to the Bill entitled an Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Dealers and others and Ship-Masters Super Cargoes and other transient Persons And also the Amendments made by your House to the Bill entitled an Act for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province by obliging the male white Inhabitants within the same, to carry Fire Arms to all Places of Public Worship have agreed to the same—

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday November 9th 1765.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday Novr 11th 1765

ORDERED That Mr Tatnell have Leave of Absence 'till this Day fortnight.

ORDERED That Mr Bernard have leave to go into the Country for a Month upon extraordinary Occasions

Bill for relief of Debtors presented & read first Time.

Colonel Mulrayne from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are unable to support themselves during such their Confinement reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.—

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Patrol Bill.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery Viz^{t} That they had agreed to the Bill intitled an Act for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

Bill for regulating the Pilotage read the second time

The Bill entitled an Act for amending an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province was read a second Time and ordered to be committed.

House takes into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Patrol Bill.

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill entitled an Act for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slave unless such Slave shall

produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer and agreed thereto—

Report of the Committee upon the Patrol Bill

Doctor Johnson according to Order reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill entitled an Act to impower the several Commissioners hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions—was committed the Amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill which he read in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendmen s be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday November 12th 1765

ORDERED That the said Bill with the Amendments adjourned 'till To morrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday Novr 13th 1765

Road Bill read a third time

The engrossed Bill entitled an Act to empower the several Commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to

lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions was read a third Time.

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Johnson do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the House adjourned 'till To morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday November 14th 1765.

Bill for relief of Debtors read a second Time

The Bill entitled an Act for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and unable to support themselves during such their Confinement was read a second Time and committed.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill under Consideration

House resolves into a Committee on the said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the Report be now made.

Then Mr Simpson read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Consideration of Agent's Letters adjourned

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Letters received by the Committee of Correspondence from the Agent of this Province during the Recess of the general Assembly as also Copies of the Answers sent by the Committee to the said Agent.

ORDERED That the said Order be adjourned till To-morrow.

ORDERED That Mr Braddock have Leave of Absence for four Days upon extraordinary Occasions. —

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Fryday November 15th 1765

House receives Information of Robberies committed by Fugitive Slaves.

This House having received Information upon Oath that a Number of fugitive Slaves belonging to Inhabitants of this Province have assembled themselves together in the River Swamp on the North Side of the River Savannah from whence they have of late frequently come into the Plantations on the South side of the said River and Committed several Robberies and Depredations In Order therefore to put a stop to such Depredations for the future.

Offer Rewards for apprehending said Fugitive Slaves.

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds Sterling to be distributed and paid the Treasurer in the following Manner—that is to say

For every Male fugitive Slave as aforesaid of the Age of Sixteen Years or upwards found in actual Arms or being in Company with any that are armed if taken alive and delivered to the Warden of the Work House within the space of fourteen Days from the Date hereof the sum of five Pounds Sterling

For the Head of every such Slave making Resistance or attempting to escape Two Pounds Sterling—

And for every Woman Slave as aforesaid or Child above the Age of five Years Two Pounds Sterling

To be paid by the Treasurer to the Person or Persons demanding the same sufficient Proof being first given of such fugitive Slave or Slaves being taken or killed as aforesaid

Commons House of Assembly

The House takes under consideration Agent's Letters

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Letters received by the Committee of Correspondence from the Agent of this Province during the Recess of the general Assembly as also Copies of the Answers sent by the Committee to the said Agent the House took the same under Consideration accordingly

Motion for discharging Mr. Knox from further acting as Agent of this Province.

Motion was made that the Committee of Correspondence have Instructions to acquaint Mr Knox that this Province hath no further Occasion for his Service as Agent

Debate thereon & passes in the affirmative

A Debate arising thereon the question was put and it passed in the Affirmative

Committee ordered to inform him thereof

RESOLVED That the Committee of Correspondence be instructed to acquaint Mr Knox the Agent of this Province that the Province hath no further Occasion for his Service—

ORDERED That Mr Jones do carry the following Message to the Upper House.

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House

This House have come to a Resolution to give Instructions to the Committee of Correspondence to acquaint William Knox Esqr Agent for this Province that the Province hath no further Occasion for his Service

ORDERED That Mr Jones have Leave of Absence 'till Tuesday next.

ORDERED That Mr Cochran have leave of Absence 'till Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned 'till To morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday November 16th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning 10 Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday November 18th 1765

Bill for relief of Debtors read the third Time

The engrossed Bill entitled an Act for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and unable to support themselves during such their Confinement was read a third Time

and passed—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Jones carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Message from the Governor

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery—

Mr Speaker

His Excellency requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately—Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported That they had attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to a Bill Intitled an Act for establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer—

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock

Resolution of the House thereon

RESOLVED That the said Committee do prepare a Plan and Estimate of the Expence which will attend the Stopping up the Passage between the East End of Argyle Island and the West End of Hutchinsons Island—

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday November 22d 1765

Report of the Comittee upon the Pilotage Bill.

Mr Simpson (according to Order) reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom the Bill for amending the Bill entitled an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province was committed the Amendments which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the Report in his Place and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

which is ordered to be engrossed—

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed

Motion for appointing a Comittee to inspect the Returns of Tax Collectors—

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to examine the Returns made to the Treasurer by the several Collectors of the General Tax up to this Time

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons Sir Patrick Houstoun Captain Milledge Mr Ewen Mr Braddock Mr Johnston and Mr Simpson be a Committee for that Purpose—

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons have leave of Absence 'till Thursday next

Pilotage Bill read third time

The engrossed Bill for amending an Act entitled an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province was read a third Time—

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

ORDERED That Mr Jones have leave of Absence for next Week

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday November 23d 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning ten O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday, November 25th 1765

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Road Bill with Amendments

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery —

That the Upper House have agreed to a Bill Intitled an Act to impower the several Commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several

and respective Divisions with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

ORDERED That the said Amendments be taken under Consideration To morrow Morning

Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress at N. York laid before the House.

A Packet directed to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Georgia was opened and à Paper therein inclosed intitled "Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress of Committees from the House of Representatives of the several British Colonies on this Continent assembled at the City of New York the eighth Day of October last to consult on the present Circumstances of the Colonies and the Difficulties to which they are and must be reduced by the Operation of the Acts of Parliament for levying Duties and Taxes on the Colonies and to consider of a general and united dutiful loyal and humble Representation of their Condition to his Majesty and the Parliament and to implore Relief " was read—

a Paper also inclosed in the said Packet intitled The Petition of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Massachusetts Bay Rhode Island and Providence Plantations New Jersey Pensylvania the Government of the Counties of Newcastle Kent and Sussex upon Delaware and Province of Maryland to the Kings most excellent Majesty and also—

a Paper intitled "The Memorial of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Massachusetts Bay Rhode Island and Providence Plantations New Jersey Pensylvania the Government of the Counties of Newcastle Kent and Sussex upon Deleware and the Province of Maryland to the Right Honorable the Lords spiritual and temporal of Great Britain in Parliament assembled and also

A Paper entitled The Petition of his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Colonies of the Massachusetts Bay Rhode Island and Providence Plantations New Jersey Pensylvania the Government of the Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex upon Deleware and the Province of Maryland To the Honorable Knights Citizens and Burgesses of Great Britain in Parliament assembled and also

a Letter from James Otis Esq[r] on Behalf of the Gentlemen of the Congress and also

a Letter from Thomas Lynch and Christopher Gadsden Esq[rs] were severally read.

Resolution thereon.

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Papers and Letters into Consideration on Monday next

ORDERED That M[r] Tatnel have Leave of Absence for a Fortnight

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday November 26th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday November 27th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday November 28th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday November 29th 1765

Report of the Comittee appointed to examine what Laws are near expiring.

Sir Patrick Houstoun (according to Order) from the Committee appointed to examine what Laws of this Province are expired or near expiring and report their Opinion to the House which of them are proper to be revived or continued reported that the Committee had examined accordingly and come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the Report be now received—

Then Sir Patrick Houstoun read the Resolutions in his Place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table where the same were again read and are as follow

RESOLVED That an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully mark brand or kill the same passed 27th March 1759 Expires this Session.—

That an Act for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of One hundred and eighty Pounds to repair the Light House on Tybee Island and for laying a Duty on Negroes that have been above six Months in any of

the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for Sale into this Province passed 9th June 1761. Expires 9th June 1766—

That an Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading of contagious Distempers in this Province and to oblige Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce for that Purpose a Passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being and also to prevent the harbouring of sick Sailors or others Passed 7th April 1763. Expires 7th April 1766.

That an Act for regulating a Work House for the Custody and Punishment of Negroes Passed 7th April 1763 Expires 7th April 1766.—

That an Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Dealers and others and Ship-Masters Super Cargoes and other Transient Persons, Passed 7th April 1763 Expires 7th April 1766.

That an Act to prevent Damages which may arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or stopping of Water. Passed 7th April 1763 Expires 7th April 1766

That an Act for the punishment of Vagabonds and other idle and disorderly Persons and for erecting Prisons or Places of Security in the several Parishes of this Province and for preventing Trespasses on the Lands of the Crown or Lands reserved for the Indians and for the more effectual suppressing and punishing Persons bartering with the Indians in the Woods. Passed 29th February 1764. Expires 29th February 1766.—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of your Committee that the before mentioned Acts ought to be continued.

That an Act to prevent Frauds in the making of Lumber Passed 1st May 1760 is expired—Your Committee are also of Opinion it will be proper to pass a New Act for that Purpose.

Resolution thereon

RESOLVED That this House will take the said Report under Consideration on Tuesday next

And then the House adjourned 'till To morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday November 30th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning Ten O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday December 2d 1765

House called over.

The Order of the Day being read for the Call of the House it was called over accordingly and the Names of Robert Baillie and William Jones, Esqrs being called over and neither themselves nor any Excuse appearing

RESOLVED That this House will take the Absence of those Gentlemen into Consideration on Wednesday next.

House takes under Consideration the Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress at New York.

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the several Papers and Letters contained in the Packet directed to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Georgia the House resolved itself into a Committee on the same and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed

the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had made some Progress in considering the said Letters and Papers and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Debtors Bill with Amendments

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill entitled an Act for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are unable to support themselves during such their Confinement with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House and also—

and had passed a Bill for preventing Frauds in selling Beef Pork &c.

That they had passed a Bill entitled an Act for preventing Frauds and Deceits in selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar and Firewood to which they desired the Concurrence of this House—

House takes into consideration the Amendts. made by the Upper House to the Road Bill & agrees thereto

The House took under Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill entitled an Act to empower the several Commissioners or Surveyors hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions and agreed thereto.

And then the House adjourned till To morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday December 3d 1765.

House resolves into a Committee further to consider Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress at N. York

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the several Papers and Letters contained in the Packet directed to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Georgia and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had made some further Progress therein and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee further to consider the said Papers and Letters on this Day Se'ennight

Thanks of the House given to John Rutledge Christr. Gadsden & Thomas Lynch Esqrs.

RESOLVED That the Thanks of this House be given to John Rutledge Christopher Gadsden and Thomas Lynch Esqrs for the Care and Trouble they have been pleased to take to transmit us the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed by the several Colonies at New York and that Mr Speaker do acquaint them therewith by Letter.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Message from the Governor recommending Establishment of the Post Office.

The Deputy Post Master General for the Southern District of North America having represented to me that the establishing Officers and Riders will be attended with a very considerable Expence and more than the general Office can support for some Years to come and that without the Aid and Assistance of the Colonies with-

in his District it will be impossible for him to carry the excellent Design of a safe beneficial and expeditious Circulation of Correspondence into Execution—and as the great Utility and general Advantages that will result not only to the Commercial but every other Interest from having a constant regular Post established to and throughout this Province are so obvious I must recommend that Matter to your Consideration and hope you will make such Provision as may appear necessary on that Occasion—I have wrote to the Deputy Post Master General for an Estimate of the Aid or Assistance which he thinks will enable him to carry on the Purpose of his Appointment and when I receive the same shall furnish you with it—I must also desire that you will resume the Consideration of establishing a Ferry over Savannah River from the Lands of Mr Brewton in this Province to and from the Ferry on the Carolina Side of the River on the Lands of Messrs Jermyn and Charles Wright that a Law may be forthwith passed for that Purpose.

JA: WRIGHT
3d Decr 1765

Consideration thereof adjourned.

RESOLVED That the Consideration of the said Message be adjourned 'till Friday next.—

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Pilotage Bill.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill entitled an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Ports of this Province with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House

Order of the day read

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws of this Province are expired or near expiring

and adjourned

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over till Tomorrow

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday December 4th 1765

George McIntosh Esqr. qualifies and takes his seat

George McIntosh Esqr elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for the Parish of Saint Andrew qualified himself according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province intitled "An Act to ascertain the Manner and form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly" and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his seat as a Member of this House.—

The order of the Day read

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Absence of Robert Baillie and William Jones Esqrs

and adjourned

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over 'till Tomorrow.

The other Order of the Day read

The other Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws of this Province are expired or near expiring

and adjourned

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over 'till Tomorrow.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday December 5th 1765

The Order of the Day read—

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Absence of Robert Baillie and William Jones Esqrs

Mr Jones appeared and made his Excuse

Order thereon

ORDERED That the Absence of Mr Baillie be taken under Consideration on Monday next

House takes under Consideration the Report of the Comittee appointed to enquire what Laws are near expiring

The House took into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws of this Province are expired or near expiring according to the Order of the Day and

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the Cattle Act.

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill further to continue an Act entitled an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully mark brand or kill the same.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill

engrossed Bill from the Upper House to prevent Frauds in selling Beef &c. read the first Time.

The engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an Act for preventing Fraud and Deceit in selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar and Firewood was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Memorial of Will: Simpson Esqr. presented & read

A Memorial of the Honorable William Simpson Esqr was presented to the House and read setting forth That the Memorialist had purchased a Lot of Land in the Town of Savannah known by the Letter B. extending 120 Feet upon the south East Corner of Bastion Oglethorpe to the Westward the Western Line containing

490 Feet and the Eastern Line 465 Feet to low Water Mark which Lot was granted the 7th February 1758 to Henry Ellis Esqr late Governor of this Province and further setting forth That the Land on the West End of the Bay upon the South East Corner of Bastion Oglethorpe containing 47 Feet in Depth and 120 Feet in Length is Part of the said Lot tho' it has not hitherto been inclosed but used as a convenient Thoroughfare or Street from the Bay to Yamacraw &c. that by inclosing of this Part of the said Lot the direct Passage from the Bay to Yamacraw &ca will intirely be shut up and the present open View from the Bay to the Westward obstructed which the Memorialist is desirous to prevent by conveying and making over to the Publick the above mentioned Part of the said Lot Provided he receives an adequate Compensation out of that Part of the Common which Joins the other Part of his said Lot N° B. and lastly That the Memorialist humbly submitted the Premisses to this Honorable House

Comittee appointed in Consequence thereof.

ORDERED That Mr Jones Mr Milledge Dr Johnston Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Simpson be a Committee to enquire into the Quantity of Land proposed in the said Memorial to be exchanged and also of the Publick Common adjoining the Lot of the Memorialist and report their Opinion thereon to the House.—

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday December 6th 1765

engrossed Bill from the Upper House to prevent Frauds in selling Beef &c. read the second Time.

The engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an Act for preventing Frauds and Deceits in selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar and Firewood was read a second Time and ordered to be committed

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee immediately to take the said Bill under Consideration

House resolves into a Comittee on the sd. Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported That they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the Report be now made then Mr Simpson read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

House takes under Consideration his Excellency's Message relative to the Ferry

The House according to Order took under Consideration his Excellency's Message of Tuesday last so far as relates to the Establishment of the Ferry therein mentioned and

Motion for leave to bring in Bill for establishing Ferry &c.

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill for establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of Miles Brewton Esqr near Savannah to the Plantation of Jermyn and Charles Wright Esqrs called Rochester in the Province of South-Carolina and for vesting the same in the said

Miles Brewton Esqr his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the Term of seven Years.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Milledge be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Part of his Excellency's Message of Tuesday last adjourned

ORDERED That the Consideration of the other Matters Contained in the said Message be adjourned over 'till the Estimate therein mentioned be laid before the House.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday December 7th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then the House adjourned till Monday Morning ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday December 9th 1765.

Order of the Day read

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Absence of Robert Baillie Esqr he appeared and made his Excuse.

Bill to continue Cattle Act presented & read the first Time.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the further Continuance of an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully brand mark or kill the same reported they had prepared the said Bill which

was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

engrossed Bill from Upper House for preventing Frauds in selling Beef &c. read 3d time

The engrossed Bill from the Upper House entitled an Act for preventing Frauds and Deceits in selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar and Firewood was read a third Time.

and passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence to the Amendments made thereto.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday December 10th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday Decr 11th 1765

Bill to continue Cattle Act read second Time

The Bill for the further Continuance of an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully brand mark or kill the same was read the second time

ORDERED That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day being read for further taking

Order of the Day read—

under Consideration the several Papers and Letters contained in the Packet directed to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Georgia.

and adjourned

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over 'till Saturday next.

Motion for leave to bring in an Ordinance for appointing Packers &c. for Savannah & Sunbury

Motion was made for Leave to bring in an Ordinance to appoint proper Packers and Inspectors of Beef Pork Pitch Tar and Turpentine and also for the appointing proper Measures of Corded Firewood which may be exposed to Sale within the several Ports of this Province

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Colonel Mulrayne be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

And then the House Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday December 12th 1765

engrossed Bill for continuing Cattle Act read third Time

The engrossed Bill entitled an Act for the further Continuance of an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully brand mark or kill the same, was read a third Time.

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday December 13th 1765

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday December 14th 1765

The Order of the Day read for taking under Consideration Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress at N. York

The Order of the Day being read for further taking under Consideration the several Papers and Letters contained in the Packet directed to the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Georgia the House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the same and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported they had come to a Resolution which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

House resolves into a Comittee thereon.

ORDERED That the Report be now received

Resolution thereon read as follow

Then Mr Ewen read the Resolution in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and is as follows

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Paper entitled The Petition of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Massachusetts Bay Rhode Island and Providence Plantations New Jersey Pensylvania the Government of the Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex upon Deleware and Province of Maryland to the Kings most Excellent Majesty And also—

That the Paper entitled The Memorial of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Massachusetts Bay Rhode Island and Providence Plantations New Jersey Pensylvania the Government of the Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex upon Delaware and Province of Maryland to the Right Honorable the Lords spiritual and temporal of Great Britain in Parliament assembled and also

That the Paper entitled the Petition of his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Massachusetts Bay Rhode Island and Providence Plantations New Jersey Pensylvania the Government of the Counties of New Castle Kent and Sussex upon Delaware and Province of Maryland to the Honorable Knights Citizens and Burgesses of Great Britain in Parliament assembled, be severally signed by the Speaker of this House and immediately forwarded to England for Presentation.

House agrees thereto

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said Report—

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the said Petitions and Memorial— and he signed them accordingly

Comittee appointed to request the Treasurer to advance £50 for publick use.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Braddock wait on the Treasurer to enquire if he can advance to this House out of the publick Treasury for publick Use the sum of fifty four Pounds Sterling— they being returned reported That the Treasurer informed them he could.

RESOLVED That this House will reimburse the Treasurer the said Sum.

Motion was made that the said Petitions and Memorial

Motion that the before mentioned Papers be transmitted to Chas. Garth Esqr. in England together with £50.

be transmitted to Charles Garth Esqr in England and that he be requested to present the same and that the sum of fifty Pounds Sterling be remitted to him by Bill of Exchange to defray the Expence of soliciting thereof.

Committee appointed to prepare a Letter to the said Chas. Garth Esqr.

ORDERED That Mr Burrington Mr Gibbons Mr Ewen Mr Williams and Mr Simpson be a Committee to prepare a letter to Charles Garth Esqr and to procure a Bill of Exchange for fifty Pounds Sterling to be transmitted him for the Purposes aforesaid

And then the House adjourned 'till Monday Morning 10 O Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday December 16th 1765

Report of said Committee

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare a Letter to Charles Garth Esqr reported that they had prepared the same which was read in the following Words Viz.

Sir

The Letter to the said Chas. Garth Esqr. in England.

You having in a Letter written some time ago tendered your good Offices to this infant Colony it takes this Opportunity by it's Representatives legally convened to return you sincere Thanks for so great a favor and at the same time to beg you would oblige it in a Matter of the highest Importance upon the Resul. of which the future Happiness and Welfare of this Province in a great Measure depend—

This House having thought proper to come to a Reso-

lution some time ago to direct the Committee of Correspondence to inform the Agent William Knox Esqr that they had no further Occasion for his Services and tho' he cannot be divested of that Trust without the Ordinance being repealed which does not expire before the first Day of May next Yet from such a Resolution being agreed to he cannot be employed in presenting a Petition to his Majesty a Memorial to the Right Honorable the House of Lords a Petition to the Honorable the House of Commons or in any other Business that concerns the Province. Being so circumstanced this House cannot apply to any Gentleman in whom it has more confidence than yourself— It has Sir the greatest Opinion of your Integrity— And that you will give your Assistance to it in the most ample Manner Your Candour and Abilities it is assured of and therefore has not the least Doubt of your Willingness to do it service

Inclosed you have the Petitions and Memorial that were agreed on by the several Commissioners at the Congress of New York which have been agreed to by this House and request it as a particular Mark of your Regard for this Province that you will carry the same into Execution by employing the best Counsel— The Faith of this Province is pledged by a Vote of this House and you may be assured that every Expence that may or shall accrue in support of what they commit to your Charge together with a most grateful Acknowledgment of your Favour shall be most punctually remitted

They have beg'd the favour of the Gentlemen of the Honorable the Commons House of Assembly in South Carolina to write to you in this Behalf. As they know in what manner they are at present circumstanced that is not being able to have their Business transacted by the

Gentlemen who was appointed their Agent and they doubt not you will receive their friendly Request

By Order of the House

Commons House of Assembly in Georgia
14th Decr 1765

ORDERED That Mr Speaker sign the said Letter and he signed it accordingly—

Ferry Bill presented and read first time

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of Miles Brewton Esqr near Savannah to the Plantation of Jermyn and Charles Wright Esqrs called Rochester in the Province of South Carolina and for vesting the same in the said Miles Bretown Esqr his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the Term of seven Years reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordinance for appointing Packers &c. for Savannah & Sunbury reced and read, 1st time

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring (sic) an Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this Province reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Memorial of Daniel Nunez presented & read.

A Memorial of Daniel Nunez was presented to the House and read setting forth That the Memorialist by an Ordinance passed the 25th March last was by the unsolicited Favour and Indulgence of this Honorable House appointed Waiter in the Port of Savannah with a Salary of Ten Pounds per Annum which was by an Act passed the same Day directed to be paid him out of certain Duties therein laid— That the Memorialist from a due and

greateful Sense of the Obligation confered upon him by the said Appointment would have executed the Office altho' no Salary had been annexed to it but that as he humbly conceives the same was meant as an adequate and sufficient Gratuity for the Service to be performed by him in the said Office that the Memorialist begs leave with the utmost Deference to remonstrate to this Honorable House That the Number of Shipping entering into this Port necessarily obliges him to a constant Attendance— That the Duties arising from the Act abovementioned are much more considerable than were imagined. That the Memorialist hopes he may be allowed to say that his Conduct as Waiter has been in some Measure the Means of such an Increase and always approved by the Office under whose immediate Department he is. He therefore hoped this Honorable House will take the Premises under their serious Consideration and make such an Addition to his Salary as they may think his whole Time being devoted to their service and his unwearied Diligence and Attention (which he shall make it his Study to persevere in) therein may deserve And the Memorialist as in Duty bound shall every pray &c. as also—

Petition of the Church Wardens & Vestry of St. Paul's Parish presented and read.

A Petition of the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Saint Paul in Behalf of themselves and the rest of the Inhabitants of the said Parish was presented to the House and read setting forth That, in Consequence of an Application some time since made by the Petitioners to the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts to send them a Missionary the Reverend Mr Samuel Frink A: M: a worthy pious learned Clergyman has been appointed for that Purpose and resided among the Petitioners near a Year and acquitted him in the Discharge of his Function with universal good liking and Approbation.— That in Consequence of several Emolu-

ments which the Petitioners set forth to the said Society that would accrue to a Clergyman in the Parish aforesaid (but some of which had since failed) the Society thought proper to allow their Missionary only Thirty Pounds Per Annum— That from the Failure of the aforesaid Emoluments the Petitioners with Concern behold their worthy Rector disappointed of near forty Pounds Per Annum whereby his Income is insufficient to support the Dignity of his Station: And further setting forth That the Petitioners have endeavoured as far as their Circumstances would permit to retrieve (by a private Subscription amongst themselves) the aforesaid Disappointment but not being able wholly to do so they therefore pray'd this Honorable House would be pleased to assist them by such Augmentation of the Salary already established for a Clergyman as to it's Wisdom shall seem meet.

Order thereon

ORDERED That the said Memorial and Petition do lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members of this House.

Mr Jones from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Quantity of Land proposed in the Memorial of the Honorable William Simpson Esqr to be exchanged and also of the Publick Common adjoining the Lot of Land of the said Memorialist reported that the Land proposed to be exchanged contains 47 Feet by 120 And that the Common adjoining the Lot of Land of the Memorialist extends 589 Feet to the Westward.

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill for exchanging Part of the Comon with Will: Simpson Esqr.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to alien and convey to the Honorable

William Simpson Esq[r] his Heirs and Assigns forever a certain Part of the said Common in Exchange for a Lot of Land adjoining the same.—

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and M[r] Simpson be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

Motion for the House to take under consideration the Estimate.

Motion was made that this House resolve itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year commencing the 29th September 1765 And ending the 29th September 1766.

Resolution thereon

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee on the said Estimate Tomorrow Morning

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday December 17th 1765

Ordinance for appointing Packers &c. for Savannah & Sunbury read second time

The Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this Province was read a second Time.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Ordinance under Consideration.—

House resolves into a Comittee thereon.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some Time spent therein M[r] Speaker resumed the Chair and M[r] Simpson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Ordinance and made several Amendments thereto which he was di-

rected to report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the Report be now made— Then Mr Simpson read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.—

said Ordinance ordered to be engrossed

ORDERED That the Ordinance with the Amendments be engrossed.

Ferry Bill read second time

The Bill entitled an Act for establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of Miles Brewton Esqr near Savannah to the Plantation of Jermyn and Charles Wright Esqrs called Rochester in the Province of South Carolina and for vesting the same in the said Miles Brewton Esqr his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the Term of Seven Years, was read a second Time

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Bill under Consideration

House resolves into a Comittee on said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Williams from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the Report be now made— then Mr Williams read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

said Bill ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Order of the day read

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year commencing the 29th September 1765 and ending the 29th September 1766

and adjourned

ORDERED That the Order of the Day be adjourned over 'till Tomorrow

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday December 18th 1765

Ordinance for appointing Packers &c. for Savannah & Sunbury read the third Time

The engrossed Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this Province was read the third Time.

and passed

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do Pass

ORDERED That Mr Baillie carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Ferry Bill read the third time

The Ingrossed Bill Intitled an Act for establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of Miles Brewton Esqr near Savannah to the Plantation of Jermyn and Charles Wright Esqrs called Rochester in the Province of South Carolina and for vesting the same in the said Miles Brewton Esqr his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the Term of Seven Years was read a third Time

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Baillie carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Order of the day read for taking under Consideration the Estimate &c.

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year commencing the 29th September 1765 and ending the 29th September 1766 the House resolved itself into a Committee thereon and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Williams from the Committee reported that they had made some Progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

House resolves into a Comittee thereon.

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

Order for publick Accts. to be given in, properly attested.

ORDERED That the Clerk do give publick Notice by Advertisement that all Persons having Demands against the Publick do deliver their Accounts properly attested to the Clerk of this House on or before the tenth Day of January next after which Time no Accounts will be received

Bill for exchanging Part of the Common wth. Wm. Simpson Esqr. reced & read first Time.

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to alien and convey to the Honorable William Simpson Esqr his Heirs and Assigns forever a certain Part of the said Common in Exchange for a Lot of Land adjoining the same reported they had prepared the said Bill which was received and read the first Time and ordered read a second Time

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock--

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday December 19th 1765

John Smith Esqr. qualifys and takes his Seat

John Smith Esqr elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for Medway and Parish of Saint John in the Room of John Martin Esqr who declined taking his Seat—qualified himself according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House—

House takes under Consideration Peticon of St. John's Parish

The House took under Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of Saint John's Parish and ordered that the further Consideration thereof be adjourned over 'till the next Session

Comittee appointed to desire his Excy will adjourn the House 'till after the holy Days

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Mr Williams wait on his Excellency and desire he will be pleased to adjourn this House till after the Holy-Days

Addition to the Comittee of Correspondence.

ORDERED That Mr Smith Mr Braddock and Mr Milledge be added to the Committee appointed to correspond with Charles Garth Esqr in Great-Britain

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons have leave of absence 'till the 4th of February next

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery Vizt

Message from the Governor— Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I have observed in the Journals of your House that you have come to a Resolution to direct such of your Members as are of the Committee of Correspondence to acquaint Mr Knox the present Agent That the Province hath no further Occasion for his Service as Agent

Possibly it may be the Opinion of your House that there is no Occasion for any Agent after the Time for which he is appointed expires but if it should be thought necessary to appoint another I now recommend Richard Cumberland Esquire to you for that Purpose a Gentleman perfectly conversant in the Business of an Agent well known and respected at the several Offices and for whose Abilities and Integrity I can be answerable

JA: WRIGHT

19th Decr 1765—

Consideration of said Message adjourned

ORDERED That the Consideration of the said Message be postponed 'till the Meeting of this House after the Holy Days.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Message from the Governor. Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

I now adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Tuesday the 14th Day of January next then to meet for the Dispatch of Business and the same is accordingly adjourned hereby untill that Time

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
19th December 1765—

To the Honorable Alexander Wylly Esqr Speaker
and the Members of the House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday January 14th 1765

House meets

The House met according to Adjournment

Joseph Butler Esqr. qualifies & takes his Seat

Joseph Butler Esqr elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for Great Ogeche and Parish of Saint Philip in the Room of Richard Cunningham Crooke Esqr who is gone to England qualified himself according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province "Intitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly" and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House

Motion for taking under Consideration his Excellency's Message of 19th Decr.

Motion being made for taking under Consideration the Governor's Message of the 19th of December last

same adjourned

ORDERED That the Consideration of the same be defer'd till Tomorrow Se'nnight

Order for Call of the House

ORDERED That there be a Call of this House on that Day.

Bill for exchanging Part of the Comon with Wm. Simpson Esqr. read a second Time

The Bill entitled an Act to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled "an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to alien and convey to the Honorable William Simpson Esqr his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Part of the said Common in Exchange for a Lot of Land adjoining the same" was read a second Time and ordered to be committed.

Addition to the Committee of Correspondence

ORDERED That Mr Speaker Mr Mulrayne and Mr Tatnel be added to the Committee appointed to correspond with Charles Garth Esqr in Great Britain.

Resolution thereon

RESOLVED That the said Committee have full Power to write all such Letters and give such Instructions to Charles Garth Esqr touching the Petition to the King Memorial to the House of Lords and Petition to the Commons of Great Britain forwarded to him as they may think needful untill another Committee be appointed by this or a succeeding Assembly and that they report their Proceedings therein when thereunto required

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday January 15th 1766

House resolves into a Committee to take under Consideration the Bill for exchanging Part of the Common with Will: Simpson Esqr.

The House according to Order resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Bill entitled an Act to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to alien and convey to the Honorable William Simpson Esqr his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Part of the said Common in Exchange for a Lot of Land adjoining the same and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the Report be now made— then Sir

Report thereof made

Patrick Houstoun read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table when the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

said Bill ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed

The Publick Treasurer laid before the House a Paper entitled an Account of the Produce and Application of the Aid granted to his Majesty by Act of Assembly passed 29th Day of February 1764 for the Support of the Government for the Year 1764 the Sums provided for the several Services annexed to the same And also

Another Paper entitled An Account of the Produce and Application of the Aid granted to his Majesty by Act of Assembly passed the 25th day of March 1765 for the support of the Government for the Year 1765 the Sums provided for the several services annexed to the same.

And the Titles of the said Papers being read.

Order thereon

ORDERED That the same do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House.

Motion for a Comittee to treat with Mr. Jas. Jacquet.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to treat with Mr James Jacquet for bringing into this Province a Number of Families to settle therein

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons Sir Patrick Houstoun Mr Milledge Mr Ewen Mr Simpson Mr Butler and Mr William Jones be a Committee for that Purpose.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday January 16th 1766

engrossed Bill for exchanging Part of the Comon with Wm. Simpson Esqr. read the third Time.

The engrossed Bill entitled an Act to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled "An Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to alien and convey to the Honorable William Simpson Esqr his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Part of the said Common in Exchange for a Lot of Land adjoining the same was read a third Time

and passed—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Motion to appoint a Comittee to examine publick Accounts—

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's and other Accounts delivered to the Clerk of this House against the Publick and that they have Power to send for Persons Papers and Records

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons Mr Ewen Doctor Jones Sir Patrick Houstoun and Dr Johnston be a Committee for that Purpose

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday January 17th 1766.

said Comittee's Report

Mr Gibbons from the Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's and other Accounts delivered to the Clerk of this House against the Publick reported that they had

examined the same and allowed of some and disapproved of others which the Committee submitted to the House

RESOLVED That the Commissioners named and appointed in and by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province entitled "an Act to empower Commissioners to lease or let out for a certain Term of years the Lot of Land commonly called the Spring near Savannah and to rent the Building in Savannah commonly called the Watch House and to appropriate the Monies arising therefrom" be empowered to pay out of the Rents arising from the Watch House the Accounts of Joseph Dunlap and John Bishop for repairing and painting the said Watch House.

Message from the Governor

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery Viz

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Captain Alleck having been fully enpowered by the Upper and lower Creek Indians to sell his Plantations at Sevillo and to agree with me upon an Alteration of the Line between us and the Lands reserved for their Hunting Grounds I have settled the same with him and send you the Original Agreement for your Perusal.

The Consideration agreed upon with Captain Alleck is a Negro who run away from Mr John Calwell and come to the possession of Alleck on the Road near the Indian Nation as he says for this Negro and the Loss of a years Work Mr Calwell asks £60 to which I told him I should lay the Matter before you for your Consideration and Determination thereupon.

Capt Alleck informed me that there is about Eleven Runaway Negroes in the Indian Nation and I have stipulated with him that they should be delivered up to the

Traders in the Towns where they are and for each Negro so delivered the Indians to have a Cag of Rum at the Time of Delivery

I must also acquaint you Gentlemen that Capt Alleck has made a Demand upon me to fulfill a Promise made by Governor Ellis in Consideration of Services performed by him at the Request of Governor Ellis in the Time of the Indian Alarm— Alleck says the Promise was thirty Head of Cattle and Mr Nunez remembers the Thing I have just now had some Assurances from Alleck with respect to Satisfaction for the late Murders agreable to a Talk now going from me to the Nation on that Occasion and therefore am of Opinion that enabling me to perform Governor Ellis's Promise will at this Time answer a very good Purpose.

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia January (sic) 1766

Order thereon

ORDERED That the said Message be taken under Consideration Monday next.

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Ferry Bill with an Amendment

A Message from the Upper House by Master in Chancery— That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill entitled an Act for establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of Miles Brewton Esqr near Savannah to the Plantation of Jermyn and Charles Wright Esq^{rs} called Rochester in the Province of South Carolina and for vesting the same in the said Miles Brewton Esqr his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the Term of seven years with an Amendment. And also

also to the Ordinance for appointing Packers &c. for Savannah & Sunbury with Amendments

That the Upper House had agreed to the Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this Province with some

Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday January 18th 1766

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday January 20th 1766

Order of the Day read

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration his Excellency's Message of Friday last.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Waters do wait on the Governor with the following Message

Message to the Governor

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same.

May it please your Excellency

This House having taken into Consideration your Excellency's Message of the 17th Instant have come to a Resolution to provide the Sum of Sixty Pounds to be paid to John Calwell for his Negro Man Slave given to Capt Alleck in Lieu of his Plantation at St Sevillo which he hath been empowered by the Upper and lower Creeks to sell to his Majesty And also for the advantageous Alteration which your Excellency hath procurred from

the said Indians in the Boundary Line betwen Us and the Lands reserved for their hunting Grounds.

This House hath also resolved to provide the further Sum of Thirty Pounds to be applied for the Purchase of Thirty Head of Cattle which were formerly promised by his Excellency Governor Ellis to the said Capt Alleck for services performed by him in the Time of the late Indian Alarm.

This House will also provide the Sum that your Excellency hath promised shall be paid to the Indians upon their delivery up to the Traders the Runaway Negroes Now in the Creek Nation.

By Order of the House

ALEX WYLLY Spk.

Commons House of Assembly
Jany 20th 1766

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Town Law

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act for the better Regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging.

ORDERED That Doctor Jones and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday January 21st 1766.

Doctor Jones from the Committee of Correspondence with William Knox Esqr the Provincial Agent informed

the House that Mr Speaker with himself had applied to such Gentlemen of the Council as were of the said Committee to join them in writing and transmitting a Letter to the said William Knox Esqr signifying that this Province hath no further Occasion for his Service as Agent agreable to a Resolution of this House of the 15th November last but that they had refused so to do.

RESOLVED That such Gentlemen of the said Committee of Correspondence as are Members of this House do write and transmit to the said Agent such Letter as aforesaid together with a Copy of the said Resolution.

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Bill for exchanging Part of the Comon with Wm. Simpson Esqr.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery— That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill entitled an Act to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to alien and convey to the Honorable William Simpson Esqr his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Part of the said Common in Exchange for a Lot of Land adjoining the same with Amendment

Another Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery Viz.

Upper House of Assembly
21st Jany 1766

Mr Speaker

Another Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill for preventing Frauds in selling Beef &c.

This House having taken under Consideration the Amendments made by your House to the engrossed Bill entitled an Act for preventing Frauds and Deceits in selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar and Firewood, have agreed to the same.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

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... as Ornament to any other they had been able to obtain, all the others were upon a Plan of one story only, much the same as that to the said Petition likewise annexed. That the Memorialists advertised in the publick News-papers for Tradesmen that might be inclinable to undertake the said Building to signify to them in writing the Terms and Conditions on which they would undertake the same. That several Proposals were accordingly delivered to them all which had been duly considered, and That those of Kirkwood and Hall appeared the most eligible being

cheaper and more reasonable than any of the others: they are also to the said Petition annexed. That the Memorialists caused an Estimate of the Expence to be made for building upon the Plan of one Story and on comparing the Estimates of the two Plans there was not Ten Pounds difference the Expence of the Workmanship of the two story House exceeds that of the one Story about Fifty Pounds but the Difference in Materials on Account of the Largeness of the Roof of that of the one Story will amount very near if not fully to that Sum so the Expence of Building on either Plan would be the same. And further setting forth That the Memorialists had duly considered all the Ways and Means in their Power for erecting the said House at as small a Charge to the Province as possible but found that they could not accomplish a creditable Building with all the necessary Conveniences for less than a Thousand Pounds and being restricted by the Act to the sum of Six hundred Pounds. The Memorialists therefore humbly submitted the Premisses to the Consideration of this Honorable House.

Order thereon

ORDERED That the said Memorial do lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members of this House

Order of the Day read

The Order of the Day being read for a Call of the House it was called over accordingly and the Names of Mr Burrington Mr William Jones and Mr Williams being called over and neither themselves nor any Excuse appearing.

Resolution thereon

RESOLVED That this House will take the Absence of those Gentlemen into Consideration on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday January 23d 1766.

House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Estimate.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House further to consider the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year commencing the 29th Septr 1765 and ending the 29th Septr 1766 and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported they had made some further Progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again

Motion for Address to the Governor to issue a Writ of Election

Motion was made that an Address be presented to his Excellency to desire he will be pleased to give Directions for the issuing of a Writ to elect a Member to serve in general Assembly for the Town of Savannah and Parish of Christ Church in the Room of Joseph Ottolenghe Esqr who is expelled this House.

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Sir Patrick Houstoun do wait on the Governor therewith

And the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday January 24th 1766.

House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Estimate.

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government for one year commencing the 29th Septr 1765 and ending the 29th Sepr 1766 and after some time

spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported they had gone thro' the said Estimate and come to several Resolutions thereon which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same.

Order thereo

ORDERED That the Report be made on Monday next

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday January 25th 1766

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday January 27th 1766

Order of the Day read—

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Absence of Mr Burrington Mr Williams and Mr William Jones—

Mr Burrington appeared and made his Excuse— a Letter from Mr Williams was read alledging his ill state of Health prevented his attending the Duty of this House.

ORDERED That the Consideration of the Absence of Mr Jones be adjourned till Monday next.

Committee upon the Estimate make their Report—

Mr Ewen from the Committee of the whole House upon the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government of the Province of Georgia for the Year 1766 re-

ported according to Order that they had gone through the said Estimate and come to several Resolutions thereupon which he read in his Place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where they were again read

House takes under Consideration Governor's Message of 3d December.

The House took under Consideration the Governor's Message of the 3d December last and

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Waters do wait upon his Excellency with the following Message

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice-Admiral of the same.

May it please your Excellency

Message to his Excellency thereon.

The House having taken into Consideration that Part of your Excellency's Message of the 3d December last which respects the Encouragement of a Post for the Conveyance of Letters throughout this Province also the Sketch of the Expence which will attend the same are of Opinion That Consistant with the Circumstances of their Constituents they cannot make any Provision for that Service

By Order of the House

ALEXr WYLLY Spk

Commons House of Assembly
Janr 27th 1766.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday January 28th 1766.

Bill for amending the Town Law presented and read the first Time—

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for Ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging and also to authorize and impower the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Christ Church to appoint a Beadle for Purposes therein mentioned reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time—

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill for encouraging Settlers to come into the Province &c.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill entitled an Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of £1815 for encourageing Settlers to come into the Province of Georgia to enable the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the general Assembly passed the 29th February 1764 for rebuilding a Court House in Savannah to carry the said Act into Execution and to appoint and empower Commissioners to issue Certificates for that Purpose.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday January 29th 1766.

Bill for amending the Town Law read a second time

The Bill entitled an Act for amending the Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging was read a second Time and ordered to be committed

ORDERED That it be an Instruction to the Committee to whom the said Bill is committed that they have a Power to receive additional Clauses thereto

Motion for the House to resolve itself into a Comittee to consider of Ways and Means &c.

Motion was made that the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for raising and granting to his Majesty the Sum of £1925.. 6.. 1 Sterling for defraying the Expences of Government in this Province for one Year commencing the 29th September 1765 and ending 29th Septr 1766

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the same.

House resolves into a Comittee thereon.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Waters from the Committee reported that they had considered of Ways and Means for raising the said Sum and come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the Report be now made— Then Mr Waters read the Resolutions in his Place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table where they were again read and agreed to by the House.

Motion for leave to bring in the Tax Bill.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for granting to his Majesty the sum of One Thousand Nine hundred and Twenty five Pounds Six shillings and one Penny Sterling for the Use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One Thousand seven hundred and sixty six to be raised by certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears—

ORDERED That Mr Braddock and Mr Ewen do prepare and bring in the same

said Bill presented & read the first Time.

the said Bill being prepared Mr Ewen presented the same to the House and it was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday January 30th 1766.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday January 31st 1766.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday February 1st 1766.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning Ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February 3d 1766

House resolves into a Comittee to take under Consideration the Bill for amending the Town Law &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Bill for amending An Act Intitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Johnston from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several. Amendments thereto which he was directed to report to the House when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the Report be now made. Then Mr Johnston read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

said Bill ordered to be engrossed

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed

The Order of the Day read.

The Order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the Absence of Mr Jones he appeared and made his Excuse.

Bill for encouraging Settlers to come into the Province reced & read the first Time

Colonel Mulrayne from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill Intitled An Act for encouraging Settlers to come into this Province and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand eight hundred and fifteen Pounds Sterling to be issued in Certificates by the Commissioners herein named for the said Purpose and also for the rebuilding the Court House in Savannah in Consequence of an Act of the general Assembly passed the 29th Day of February 1764 reported

they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Order of the Day read.

Th Order of the Day being read for the Call of the House it was called over accordingly

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February 4th 1766

Bill for amending the Town Law read third Time

The Bill entitled An Act for amending an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging was read a third Time.

and passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Bill for encouraging Settlers to come into the Prov nce read the second Time

The Bill entitled an Act for encouraging Settlers to come into this Province and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand eight hundred and fifteen Pounds Sterling to be issued in Certificates by the Commissioners herein named for the said Purpose and also for the rebuilding the Court House in Savannah in Consequence of an Act of the general Assembly passed the 29th Day of February 1764 was read a second time and committed

House resolves into a Committee to take the said Bill under Consideration

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee to take the said Bill under Consideration and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Doctor Johnston from the Committee reported they had gone through the same and made several

Amendments thereto which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the Report be now made then Doctor Johnston read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Said Bill ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

Petition of Archibald Bullock presented & read.

A Petition of Archibald Bullock Gentleman was presented to the House and read setting forth that in the Skirmish with the Runaway Negroes the Petitioner had a Negro Fellow named Colly killed by them to his great Loss and Damage and therefore prays this Honorable House to take the Circumstances of the Case under Consideration and grant him Relief therein.

Order thereon.

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table for the Perusal of the Members of this House

A Message from his Excellency the Governor.

Message from the Governor—

I d[illegible] from the Commons House of Assembly untill Tuesday the Eleventh Day of [illegible] February then to meet for the Dispatch of [illegible] the same is hereby [illegible] accordingly

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February 11th 1766.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February 12th 1766

engrossed Bill for encouraging Settlers to come into the Province read the third Time.

The engrossed Bill Intitled an Act for encouraging Settlers to come into this Province and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand eight hundred and fifteen Pounds Sterling to be issued in Certificates by the Commissioners herein named for the said Purpose and also for the rebuilding the Court House in Savannah in Consequence of an Act of the general Assembly passed the 29th Day of February 1764 was read a third time

and passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February 13th 1766

Tax Bill read a second time

The Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand Nine hundred and Twenty five Pounds Six shillings and one Penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one

Thousand seven hundred and sixty six to be raised by certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual collecting of Arrears was read a second Time and committed.

House resolves into a Committee thereon

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill under Consideration and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Doctor Johnston from the Committee reported that they had made some Progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday February 14th 1766.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday February 15th 1766

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning Ten OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February 17th 1766.

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Negro Law—

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveighling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Treutlen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same which was presented and read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time.

House resolves into a Comittee further to consider the Tax Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Bill entitled an Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand Nine hundred and twenty five Pounds Six Shillings and one Penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one Thousand seven hundred and sixty six to be raised by certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr Johnston from the Committee reported that they had made some further Progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February 18th 1766.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February 19th 1766.

Bill to amend the Negro Law read a second time

The Bill entitled an Act to amend an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveighling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers was read a second Time

Motion for the House to take the said Bill under Consideration

Motion was made that the House resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Bill under Consideration

House resolves into a Committee thereon accordingly

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the Report be now made—then Mr Simpson read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

Said Bill ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February 20th 1766.

said Bill read the third time

The engrossed Bill intitled an Act for amending an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and for preventing the inveighling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers was read the third Time.

and passed—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday February 21st 1766.

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Town Law wth. Amendmts.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery— That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill entitled an Act to amend an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

House agrees to said Amendments

The House took into Consideration the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill and agreed thereto

ORDERED That there be a Call of this House on Monday next.

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday February 22d 1766.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning Ten OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday February 24th 1766.

Order of the Day read

The Order of the Day being read for a Call of the House it was called over accordingly

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Tuesday February 25th 1766.

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Act for encouraging Settlers to come into the Province &c.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery— That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill entitled an Act for encouraging Settlers to come into this Province and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand eight hundred and fifteen Pounds Sterls to be issued in Certificates by the Commissioners herein named for the said Purpose and also for the rebuilding the Court House in Savannah in Consequence of an Act of the general Assembly passed the 29th Day of February 1764 without Amendment

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Wednesday February 26th 1766

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Bill for amending the Negro Law with Amendments

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery— That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intitled an Act to amend an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveighling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers with some Amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House

House agrees to said Amendmts.

The House immediately took under Consideration the said Amendments and agreed thereto

House resolves into a Comittee to take the Tax Bill under Consideration

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Bill entitled an Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand Nine hundred and Twenty five Pounds Six Shillings and one Penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One Thousand seven hundred and sixty six to be raised by certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Dr Johnston from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the same

ORDERED That the Report be now made— Then Doctor Johnson read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

said Bill ordered to be engrossed

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday February 27th 1766

Tax Bill read a third time

The Bill entitled an Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand Nine hundred and Twenty five Pounds Six Shillings and one Penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty six to be raised by certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears was read a third Time.

and passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry the said Bill to the Upper House

And then the House adjourned till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Friday February 28th 1766

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Saturday March 1st 1766.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned 'till Monday Morning 10 OClock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Monday March 3d 1766

Thomas Vincent Esqr qualifies and takes his Seat

Thomas Vincent Esqr elected and returned to serve in general Assembly Representative for the Town of Savannah and Parish of Christ Church in the Room of Joseph Ottolenghe Esqr who was expelled this House qualified himself according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the general Assembly of this Province Intitled an Act to ascertain the Manner and Form of electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly and afterwards took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House

Message from the Upper House that they had agreed to the Tax Bill—

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery— That the Upper House had agreed to Bill entitled an Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand Nine hundred and Twenty five Pounds Six Shillings and one Penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year one Thousand Seven hundred and sixty six to be raised by certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears without any Amendments

House resolves to provide two several sums omitted in the Estimate

RESOLVED That this House will provide the Sum of thirty Shillings for William Knox Esqr and the Sum of seven Pounds to Frederick Famin which Sums were omitted to be provided for in the Estimate

And then the House adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning 9 OClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 41.)

Thursday March 6th 1766.

A Petition of Peter Tondee & Joseph Dunlap was presented and read.

A Petition of Peter Tondee and Joseph Dunlap Carpenters was presented to the House and read setting forth. That the Petitioners had laid before the Commissioners appointed for building a Court House in Savannah a Plan of such Building which on Examination was generally approved of. That Messrs Kirkwood and Hall had found Means in Injury to the Petitioners to possess themselves of the said Plan and making a small Addition thereto did lay the same before the said Commissioners obtruding it upon them as a Work executed by the said Kirkwood and Hall whereas in Fact as it manifestly could be made appear the Scheme and Ichnography was the Study and Labour of the Petitioners—That the Petitioners having carefully examined the Work required to be done upon the Footing of the new Plan were willing to undertake and perform the same for the Sum of four hundred and thirty Pounds Sterling—That in Consideration of the Premisses the Petitioners prayed this Honorable House to interest itself in their Behalf whereby they humbly hoped to obtain Redress.

Order thereon

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do recommend the Subject Matter of the said Petition to the Commissioners appointed for building a Court House in Savannah

Resolution of the House touching the Petitions and Memorial transmitted home.

RESOLVED That if during the Recess of this House any Matter shall arise touching the Petition transmitted to his Majesty the Memorial to the House of Lords and the Petition to the House of Commons of Great Britain, the Chairman or any other Member of the Committee appointed to correspond with Charles Garth Esqr shall give Notice thereof to the several Persons now Members of this House to attend in Savannah and the said Members so met or a Majority shall have full power to do all such Acts and Things as shall appear to them necessary in that Behalf and the Power by this Resolution given shall continue in full Force untill withdrawn by this or some other House of Representatives

A Message from the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker

A Message from the Governor desiring the attendance of this House

His Excellency the Governor Reqires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately

Mr. Speaker with the House attend his Excellency accordingly

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills Viz

His Excellency assents to the several Bills following.

An Act to punish Seamen or Mariners neglecting or deserting their Duty on board their respective Ships or Vessels and for preventing Seamen or Mariners from being harboured or running in Debt.

An Act for the better Security of the Inhabitants of this Province by obliging the Male white Persons within the same to carry Fire-Arms to all Places of Publick Worship

An Act to explain and amend an Act for the better

regulating Taverns Punch Houses and Retailors of spirituous Liquors.

An Act for amending an Act for holding special or extraordinary Courts of Common Pleas for the Tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Dealers and others Ship Masters Super Cargoes and other transient Persons

An Act to empower the several Commissioners hereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are herein aftermentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within the several and respective Divisions.

An Act for the Relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and unable to support themselves during such their Confinement

An Act for amending an Act for regulating the Pilotage of Vessels into the several Parts of this Province

An Act to prevent Frauds and Deceits in selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar Turpentine and Firewood.

An Act for the further Continuance of an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the more effectual Discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully brand mark or kill the same.

An Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this Province.

An Act for establishing a Ferry from the Plantation of Miles Brewton Esqr near Savannah to the Plantation of Jermyn and Charles Wright Esq^{rs} called Rochester in the Province of South Carolina and for vesting the same

in the said Miles Brewton Esq[r] his Executors Administrators and Assigns for and during the Term of seven Years.

An Act to enable the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province entitled an Act for regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging to alien and convey to the Honorable William Simpson Esquire his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Part of the said Common in Exchange for Part of a Lot of Land adjoining the same.

An Act to amend an Act for the better regulating the Town of Savannah and for ascertaining the Common thereunto belonging and also to authorize and empower the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Christ Church to appoint a Beadle for Purposes herein mentioned

An Act for encouraging Settlers to come into this Province and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand Eight hundred and fifteen Pounds Sterling to be issued in Certificates by the Commissioners herein named for the said Purpose and also for the rebuilding the Court House in Savannah in Consequence of an Act of the general Assembly passed the 29th Day of February 1764.

An Act to amend an Act for the better ordering and governing Negroes and other Slaves in this Province and to prevent the inveighling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers.

An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of One Thousand Nine hundred and Twenty five Pounds Six Shillings and one Penny Sterling for the Use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One

Thousand seven hundred and sixty six to be raised at certain Rates and after the Method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears.

After which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses

Honorable Gentlemen

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

His Excellency's Speech to both Houses

I have very chearfully concurred with you and assented to every Bill you have prepared during this Session and doubt not but the Province will receive all those Advantages that may be reasonably expected from Laws so prudently calculated and well intended

But before we part let me in the strongest Manner recommend it to you to endeavour to rectify and remove the gross Errors and ill-grounded Prejudices which some misguided People have been lately led into by Men who can neither be Friends to their King their Country or to Society also to promote Peace Harmony and good Order amongst Us which it is not only our Duty but our Interest to do Let us shew that Decency and submission to our most gracious Sovereign and his Authority which he has a Right to expect from us and let us confide in the Justice of the Mother Country for Relief if we are aggrieved which will in Reality prove us to be loyal good and wise Subjects.

Gentlemen

I think from your Knowledge of my Conduct and the Views I have had for upwards of five Years that I have been Governor here You will not consider what I now say as meer Words or Matter of Form or Course proceeding from an Officer of the Crown for altho' I will at every Hazard discharge my Duty to the Crown and

the Trust reposed in me as I conceive a faithful Servant and honest Man ought to do Yet believe me I am at this Time more particularly actuated to say what I have by a true zeal and Regard for the Welfare and Prosperity of this Province and it's Inhabitants who I am most anxious to save from every Kind of Inconvenience and Distress.

JA: WRIGHT

Council Chamber
6th March 1766

And then his Excellency said

Assembly prorogued

I do prorogue the General Assembly of this Province untill Tuesday the 8th Day of July next and the General Assembly of this Province is accordingly prorogued untill that Day

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

GEORGIA.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the third Session of the sixth General Assembly of the said Province met by Proclamation at the Town of Savannah on Monday the sixteenth day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six—

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In the Gov[r's] Letter
of 2 August 1766—

Great seal taken off by S. B.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of

Journal

Assembly of the Province of Georgia the third Session of the sixth General Assembly of the said Province met by Proclamation at the Town of Savannah on Monday the sixteenth Day of June in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty six.—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday June 16th 1766—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery, viz[t]

M[r] Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly—

Message from the Governor.

The excessive Rains and Inundations that happened about the Middle of last Month having done considerable Damage not only to the Corn in Store, but to the Crops on the Ground and there appearing to be a very great scarcity of Provisions throughout the Province I have thought it necessary to call you together to consult what it may be proper to do on this Occasion and must recommend to your Consideration, whether it may not be expedient to prevent the Exportation of Rice from this Province for a certain Time or Subject to such Provisoes or Conditions as may be judged proper. And also to authorize the Governor with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council by Proclamation to restrain the Exportation of Indian Corn at such times as it rises to a certain Price or there may be an Appearance of real Want or distress from the Scarsity (sic) of Corn in the Province. And altho' a Prohibition to export the principal Commodity or Article of Produce and Trade in any Province ought not to be but on very Mature Deliberation and in the most Extraordinary or Necessitous Cases yet when

we are threatened with Real want and Distress it may be Prudent so to do—

Savannah JA: WRIGHT
16th June 1766—

Motion for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the Exportation of Corn

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit the Exportation of Rice Corn and other Grain from this Province for a Time therein limited—

ORDERED That Dr Jones Col: Mulrayne and Mr Gibbons be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Milledge do wait on the Governor with the following Message—

Message to the Governor

To his Excellency James Wrigh: Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of Georgia—

May it please your Excellency

The Commons House of Assembly having taken into Consideration the first part of your Excellency's Message of this Day and being sensible how absolutely necessary it is from the considerable Damages the late Inundations have done to prevent as much as may be the Exportation of any kind of Grain for a limited Time have resolved to prepare an Act as soon as possible for that purpose—

This we imagine will answer your Excellency's good Intentions and relieve the Necessities of the Inhabitants of this Province for the present.

At a more convenient Time we shall take the other part of your Excellency's Message into Consideration and

do therein what we shall think will prove most effectual to prevent the like Calamities for the future.

By order of the House

ALEX: WYLLY. Spk.

Commons House of Assembly 16th June. 1766

report of the Committee on the Corn Bill

Dr Jones from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prohibit the Exportation of Rice Corn and other Grain from this Province for a Time therein limited reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second time—

read first time

Motion was made that the said Bill be now read a second Time—

read a second time

ORDERED That the said Bill be now again read And the same was read a second Time accordingly and ordered to be engrossed—

The said Bill being engrossed Motion was made that it be read a third Time—

read a third time

ORDERED That the said Bill be now read and it was read accordingly and agreed to by the House—

and passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass. —

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

And then the House adjourned 'till To morrow Morning nine O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday June 18: 1766

Ordinance presented and read first Time.

Mr Milledge from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance directing and empowering the Commissioners therein named to purchase a Quantity of Rice at a certain Price and to retail the same for the Accounts of the Publick reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and Ordered to be read a second time—

Motion was made that the said Ordinance be now read a second time—

read a second time

ORDERED That the said Ordinance be now again read and the same was read a Second time accordingly and ordered to be engrossed—

The said Ordinance being engrossed Motion was made tha it be read a third time—

read a third time

ORDERED That the said Ordinance be now read a third time and it was read accordingly and agreed to by the House—

and passed

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Letters of the late Agent Mr. Knox laid before the House.

Mr Speaker laid before the House several Letters received by the Committee of Correspondence from William Knox Esqr late Agent for this Province which were severally read and ordered to lie on the Table for the Perusal of the of the (sic) Members of the House—

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in

Upper House agrees to the Ordinance for apptg Comrs to purchase rice.

Chancery That the Upper House had agreed to the Ordinance directing and empowering the Commissioners therein named to purchase a Quantity of Rice at a certain Price and to retail the same for the Account of the publick without Amendment

Message from the Governor.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor requires the Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately—

Governor Assents to the Corn Bill and ordinance apptg Comrs to purchase Rice.

Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber accordingly and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency and that he had been pleased to give his Assent to an Act to prohibit the Exportation of Rice Corn and other Grain from this Province for a time therein limited And also to an Ordinance directing and empowering Commissioners therein named to purchase a Quantity of Rice at a certain Price and to retail the same for the Account of the Publick—

Message from the Governor

A Message from the Governor by the Master in Chancery Vizt

Gentlemen

House Adjourned

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Monday the tenth day of November next then to meet for the Dispatch of Business and it is accordingly adjourned to Monday the tenth of November next

Given under my Hand at Savannah this 18th day of June 1766—

JA: WRIGHT

To the Hon: the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the fourth Session of the sixth General Assembly of the said Province met by Proclamation at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the fifteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six—

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Journal.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the fourth Session of the sixth General Assembly of the said Province met by Proclamation at the Town of Savannah on Tuesday the fifteenth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty six—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday July 15th 1766.

House met and adjourned.—

The House met according to Proclamation and adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning nine O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday July 16th 1766—

Message from the Governor

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery Viz[t]

M[r] Speaker

His Excellency the Governor requires the Attendance

of this House in the Council Chamber immediately, accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended his Excellency and that he had been pleased to make an affectionate Speech to both Houses of Assembly of which Mr Speaker said to prevent Mistakes he had obtained a Copy which was read to the House and is as follows Vizt

Honorable Gentlemen of the Council

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly—

Governors Speech to both Houses

I was hopeful that I should not have had any Occasion to call you together again 'till the usual Season of the Year for our Meeting in Order to raise the necessary annual Supplies and frame such Bills as might seem expedient for the publick Welfare and good Order amongst us But having received a Letter from the Right Honorable Mr Secretary Conway with his Majesty's Commands to lay some Matters before you has occasioned my requiring your Attendance tho' at an unseasonable and disagreeable Time of the Year—

And I have now Gentlemen the pleasure to communicate to you the highest Marks the strongest and clearest Proofs possible of the paternal Affection and Regard of the best of Kings for the Happiness and Prosperity of his American Subjects and Colonies and of true Magniminity (sic) and Generosity in the British Parliament And on this Occasion I think myself happy that I have it in my Power to congratulate you on this Province having no Injuries or Damages either of a publick or private Nature (with respect to property) to compensate And that you Gentlemen of the Assembly have no Votes or Resolutions injurious to the Honor of his Majesty's Gov-

ernment or tending to destroy the Legal and Constitutional Dependency of the Colonies on the Imperial Crown and Parliament of Great Britain to reconsider I say Gentlemen these are points that give me and I dare say must give you the greatest Satisfaction—

When you consider the papers I shall now lay before you I'm perswaded your Hearts must be filled with the highest Veneration and filial Gratitude and with a most ardent Zeal to declare and express Your grateful Feelings and Acknowledgments and to make a dutiful and proper Return and shew a chearful Obedience to the Laws and Legislative Authority of Great Britain for the very extraordinary Lenity Tenderness and Indulgence Shewn and extended by the Mother Country

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
Council Chamber the
16th July 1766—

Mr. Secretary Conway's Lr & other papers laid before the House.

The Master in Chancery lay'd before the House by Order of the Governor a Letter from the Right Hon: Henry Seymour Conway Esqr one of his Majesty's Principal Secretary's of State dated St James 31st March 1766—

And also—a Printed Copy of the Votes of the House of Commons Lunæ 24 Die Februarii 1766—

And also—A printed Copy of An Act to repeal an Act made in the last Session of Parliament intitled an Act for granting and applying certain Stamp Duties and other Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America towards further defraying the Expences of defending protecting and securing the same and for amending such parts of the several Acts of Parliament relating

to the Trade and Revenue of the said Colonies and Plantations as direct the Manner of determining and recovering the Penalties and Forfeitures therein mentioned—

And also—A printed Copy of an Act for the better securing the dependency of his Majesty's Dominions upon the Crown and Parliament of Great Britain—

ORDERED That the said Letter and Papers do lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members of this House—

Motion for Address to ye Governor on his Speech—

Motion was made That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor for his affectionate Speech to both Houses—

Committee appointed therefore

ORDERED That Mr Burrington Sir Patrick Houstoun Colonel Mulrayne and Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare the said Address—

And then the House Adjourned till To morrow Morning nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday (sic) July 17th 1766—

Motion for Leave to bring in a bill to amend and continue an Act for preventing contagious Distemps. being brought into the province—

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to amend and continue an Act intitled an Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading of contagious Distempers in this Province and to oblige Vessels going out of any port within the same first to produce for that purpose a pass port from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being and also to prevent the harbouring sick Sailors and others—

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Mr Vincent be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

report thereon

Bill read first time

Mr Gibbons from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the said Bill reported they had prepared the same accordingly which was received and read the first Time and ordered to be read a second time—

Motion was made That the said Bill be now read a second time—

read a second time and ordered to be committed—

ORDERED That the said Bill be now again read and the same was read a second time accordingly and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House—

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Bill into Consideration Tomorrow Morning—

report of the Cmtee apptd to draw up Address to the Govr.

Mr Burrington from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Governor reported that they had prepared one accordingly which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the report be now made then Mr Burrington in his place read the report and afterwards delivered the Address in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the said Address be engrossed.

The engrossed Address was read to the House in the Words following Vizt

> To his Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesty Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same—

Address to the Governor

The humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly of the said Province

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met beg Leave to return your Excellency our sincere Thanks for your affectionate Speech delivered Yesterday to both Houses of Assembly—

Hopeful as we were that no Occasion would have offered of calling us together 'till the Usual Season of our Meeting yet it is with the Highest pleasure and satisfaction and with Hearts overflowing with filial Affection and Gratitude to our most gracious Sovereign that we embrace the Oppertunity (sic) now presented to us of expressing our most dutiful Acknowledgment to the best of Kings for his paternal and princely Attention and Regard manifested to his faithful Subjects in these Remote parts of his Dominions in graciously condescending to bend his Royal Ear to their Supplications and removing from them those Evils they lamented Nor can we sufficiently venerate and admire the Magnanimity and Justice of the British parliament in so speedily redressing the Grievances by them complained of

We cannot indeed but felicitate ourselves in that we have no Injuries or Damages either of a publick or private Nature to compensate nor any Votes or Resolutions derogatory to the Honor of His Majesty's Government or tending to destroy the true Constituional (sic) Dependency of the Colonies on the Imperial Crown and Parliament of Great Britain to reconsider.

We will immediately proceed to take into our most serious Consideration the papers laid before us by your Excellency And we shall upon all Occasions be ready to

testify our Loyalty to our King and firm Attachment to our Mother Country—

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address and he signed it accordingly.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Barnard do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him that this House having an Address to present to him desire to know when he will be pleased to be waited upon therewith who being returned Mr Simpson reported that they had waited on his Excellency and that he was pleased to say he would be ready to receive the House with their Address in half an Hour.

Mr. Speaker with the House attends Govr. to present their Address

Mr Speaker with the whole House attended his Excellency and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had attended his Excellency and presented their Address to which his Excellency had been pleased to give the following Answer—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Governor's Answer thereto

This Address so expressive of Affection Duty and Gratitude to our Most gracious Sovereign and the British Parliament is very acceptable to me and you have my Hearty Thanks for it. I cannot Gentlemen entertain any doubt from your past prudent conduct, but that the address you may think proper to agree upon to be laid before His Majesty will be Expressed with a Clearness and Candour that will reflect Honor on the Assembly of Georgia.

JA WRIGHT 17th July 1766

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning 9 O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Fryday July 18th 1766.

House resolves into a Comtee on the Bill to amend and continue an Act to prevent contagious distemps being brought into this Province.

The House resolved itself into a Committee according to the Order of the day to take into Consideration the Bill to amend and continue an Act entitled an Act to prevent the bringing into and spreading of contagious Distempers in this Province and to oblige Vessels going out of any port within the same first to produce for that purpose a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief for the Time being and also to prevent the harbouring of sick Sailors and others and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported That they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the Same—

ORDERED That the Report be now made—

Then Mr Simpson read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were read and agreed to by the House—

Bill ordered to be engrossed and read third time

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed—

Motion was made that the said Bill be now read a third time—

ORDERED That the said Bill be now again read and the same was read accordingly

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the same to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Message to the Upper House

ORDERED That Mr Barnard do carry the following Message to the Upper House

Commons House of Assembly
Friday July 18th 1766

Honorable Gentlemen

This House having come to a resolution to transmit to Great Britain an Humble Address to his Majesty expressive of the most dutiful Acknowledgments of this House for his paternal and princely Attention in Redressing the Grievances of his faithful and loyal Subjects in America this House desires the concurrence of your House therein And that you will appoint a Committee of your House to join a Committee of this House to prepare the said Address—

Message from the Upper House

Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery Vizt

Upper House of Assembly 18th July 1766.

Mr Speaker

In Answer to your Message of this day desiring this House will appoint a Committee to join a Committee of your House in preparing an humble Address to his Majesty expressing the most dutiful Acknowledgements for his paternal and princely Attention in redressing the Grievances of his faithful and loyal Subjects in America, This House doth agree thereto and hath appointed a Committee accordingly to meet in the Room adjoining the Council Chamber at five O'Clock this Afternoon— Committee Grey Elliott James Road and John Graham Esqrs

Committee appointed to join the Upper House to prepare an Address to his Majesty

ORDERED That Mr Burrington Mr Simpson Col. Mulrayne Mr Smith Mr Gibbons and Doctor Jones be a Committee to join the Committee of the Upper House in preparing the said Address—

And then the House adjourned 'till Tomorrow Morning 9 OClock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday July 19th 1766

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten OClock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday July 21st 1766

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning ten OClocn—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday July 22d 1766

report of the Comtee on the said Address

Colonel Mulryne from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House in preparing an Address to his Majesty for his paternal and princely Attention in redressing the Grievances of his faithful and loyal Subjects in America reported that they had prepared the same which he was directed to report when the House will Please to receive the same—

ORDERED That the report be now made then Colonel

Mulrayne (sic) read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Address in at the Table where the same was again read—

House resolves into a Comittee thereon.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Address into consideration

The House resolved itself into a Committee according (sic) and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Tatnall from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Address and made several Amendments which he was directed to report when the House will please to receive the same.

ORDERED That the Report be now made—Then Mr Tatnell read the report in his place and delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That Mr Vincent do carry the following Message to the Upper House—

Commons House of Assembly
July 22d 1766—

Honorable Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House on the Amendments made to the said Address.

This House having taken into Consideration the Address of both Houses to his Majesty as reported from the Committee on the late Redress of the Grievances of his American Subjects have made some Amendments thereto to which the (sic) desire the Concurrence of your House—

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery—

Upper House of Assembly
22d July 1766

Mr Speaker

Message from the Upper House agreeing to the said Amendments.

In Answer to your Message this House doth agree to the Amendments made by your House in the Address Prepared by a Committee of both Houses to his Majesty on the late Redress of the Grievances of his American Subjects—

Address ordered to be engrossed and sent to the House

ORDERED That the said Address with the Amendments be engrossed and the same being accordingly engrossed was read to the House in the words following—

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty the Humble Address of both Houses of Assembly of the Province of Georgia—

Most Gracious Sovereign—

We your Majesty's loyal Subjects the Council and Commons of your Majestys Province of Georgia in general Assembly met beg leave to approach your Royal Person with Hearts full of the most dutifull Affection and Gratitude—

Influenced by Principle and animated by your Majestys exemplary Justice and Paternal Care in redressing the Grievances of your Faithfull Subjects in these remote parts of your wide extended Empire with the deepest Sense of your Majestys Royal Clemency and Goodness we humbly offer to your most sacred Majesty our sincere Thanks for the Repeal of the late Act of the British Parliament commonly called the American Stamp Act nor can we sufficiently revere the Magnanimity and Justice displayed by the British parliament on this Occasion

Permit us dread Sir while we endeavour to express our

Gratitude to the best of Kings for affording us so speedy and necessary Relief to assure your Majesty we shall upon all Occasions strive to evince our Loyalty and Firm Attachment to your Majesty's sacred Person and Government being truly sensible of the Advantages derived to us from the protection of our Mother Country and that it is and ever will be our Honor Happiness and true Interest to remain connected with and dependant on the Imperial Crown and Parliament of Great Britain upon the solid Basis of the British Constitution.

That your Majesty's Illustrious house may continue to reign over a free Loyal and Grateful people to the latest posterity is most gracious Sovereign our constant prayer unfeigned Wish and our Most sanguine Hope—

By Order of the Upper House

JAMES HABERSHAM P^dt

Savannah in Georgia
July 22^d 1766.

By Order of the Commons House of Assembly—

ALEX: WYLLY — Spk^r.

ORDERED That that (sic) Mr Speaker do sign the said Address and he signed the same accordingly—

Mr. Gibbons joins a Member of the Upper House to present the said Address to the Govr. desiring him to transmit the same to Secre: Conway—

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons do join a Member of the Upper House to present the said Address to the Governor and desire he will be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honorable Henry Seymour Conway Esqr one of his Majesty's Principal Secretarys of State in Order to be laid before his Majesty—

Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery—

Gentlemen

Governor adjourns the House—

I do hereby Adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Monday the tenth day of November next then to meet for the dispatch of business and it is accordingly Adjourned to Monday the Tenth day of November next.

Given under my hand at Savannah this 22d day of July 1766—

JA: WRIGHT

To the Honorable The Speaker
and Members of the Commons
House of Assembly—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

GEORGIA.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the fifth session of the Sixth General Assembly of the said Province met according to adjournment at the Town of Savannah on Monday the Tenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six—

Recd August 15. 1767.

Great Seal taken off by S. B.

Journal of the proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the fifth session of the Sixth General Assembly of the said Province according to adjournment at the Town of Savannah on Monday the Tenth day of November in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six—

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by Charles Watson Esqr Master in Chancery—

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor requires this House to attend him in the Council Chamber immediately.

The House attends his Excellency the Governor

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency and that His Excellency had been pleased to make an Affectionate speech to both Houses of Assembly of which Mr Speaker said to prevent mistakes He had obtained a Copy which He read to the House and is as follows—

Honorable Gentlemen

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

His Excellency's peech to both Houses of Assembly

The several Acts passed in the last session of Parliament transmitted to me by His Majestys Ministers and so evidently Calculated to promote the Trade, true Happiness and prosperity of the American Colonies are such strong instances of the Concern and tender regard shown for us by His most sacred Majesty and the British Parliament as I am confident will raise an ardour in us to embrace every Opportunity of manifesting Our duty respect and gratitude to so good and Gracious a Sovereign and Our Affection and Attachment to the Mother Country. And this Our Happy situation and prospect will afford us time and inclination to Consider what may be Necessary and proper for us to do for Our more immediate and internal Wellfare.

And Health being a most desirable and valuable Bless-

ing every one must be disposed to contribute towards the attainment and Continuance of it. And as we now begin to have importations of considerable cargoes of Negroes from Africa, it becomes very Necessary to guard against any Contagious diseases being brought amongst us by Negroe ships. I must therefore recommend it to Your consideration whether a Lazaretto should not be built at some convenient place within the entrance of the river where Ships can lie in safety and the Negroes be easily landed and Aired and where such as are distempered may remain for such time as shall be found Necessary

It appears to me that no Lands can be more suitable for the Hemp than Our Cane Banks and high river swamps as well as other Lands in this province, Its culture and management perfectly easy and its produce extremely profitable, and altho we may not be able at present to give any Bounty or considerable encouragement towards the introduction of that valuable commodity into this Province yet if a Quantity of Seed was purchased and delivered by the Commissary (Gratis) to such as are disposed to plant and make a trial it would doubtless be an inducement to several to begin the Attempt and the expence to the Province very small. It will give me great pleasure to concur with you in these or any other matters that may appear to be of publick utility or tend to promote the true Interest of this Province.

As several very Necessary and salutary Laws will expire with this Session of Assembly I must recommend to you a carefull Inquiry and examination into this matter that they may be Continued or altered as may seem most expedient.

Gentlemen of the Assembly

I shall direct the Treasurer to furnish you with an

Account of the last Years tax and shall send you an Estimate for the necessary service of the current Year which I am certain you will chearfully provide for in such manner as may appear to you most Convenient.

Gentlemen

It is a great satisfaction to me that I have nothing extraordinary to ask or any new matter of considerable Expence to propose and I perswade myself that our Bussiness will be carried on with that unanimity and dispatch which must make it easy an (sic) agreeable to us all.

JA. WRIGHT.

Savannah in Georgia
Council Chamber the 10th
of November 1766—

RESOLVED That an Address of Thanks be presented to His Excellency the Governor for His Affectionate speech to both Houses of Assembly.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an address to be presented to His Excellency upon the said resolution—

And a Committee was appointed accordingly—

ORDERED That His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Assembly be referred to the said Committee—

Mr Johnson from the Committee reported they had prepared an Address accordingly which He was directed to report to the House and He read the same in His place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the said Address be ingrossed

The Address being engrossed was read in the words following.

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majestys Province of Georgia

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please Your Excellency.

Address of the House to His Excellency the Governor

We His Majestys most dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly beg leave to return our sincere thanks for the regard manifested in Your Excellencys speech for the well being and prosperity of this Province, as We always think it our Happiness to concur with your Excellency in whatever may promote these desirable ends, we cannot but regret the disadvantages we at present labour under from the sickness of many of our Members, which, from the impossibility of their attendance renders us incapable of entering upon the Bussiness now recommended to us.

We therefore pray Your Excellency to take this disagreeable Circumstance into Your Consideration and grant us an adjournment.

At our next meeting We shall immediately proceed upon the several matters laid before us by Your Excellency and endeavour to Act with such unanimity as may render our Bussiness easy and expeditious.

By order of the House

Commons House of Assembly }
10th Novem^{r} 1766 }

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address and He signed the same accordingly.

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Mr Gibbons wait on the Governor and inform him that this House having an Address to present to Him, desire to know when He will be pleased to be waited on therewith, They being returned reported that His Excellency said He should be ready to receive the House with their Address To Morrow morning at Ten O'Clock.

RESOLVED That the Sum of One Hundred and Five pounds be transmitted to Charles Garth Esqr at London as an acknowledgement for the Services He has been pleased to render this Province

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Jones wait on the Treasurer and enquire if He can advance to this House out of the Public Treasury for Public use the Sum of Fifty Four pounds Sterling they being returned reported that the Treasurer informed He could.

RESOLVED That this House will reimburse the Treasurer the said Sum.

The Committee of Correspondence laid before the House sundry letters received from Charles Garth Esqr during the recess of the General Assembly.

And the said letters were severally read.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday Novem^r 11th 1766.

Committee appointed to enquire what Laws are expired or near expiring

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to enquire what Laws are expired or near expiring and which of them are proper to be revived or Continued and report the same with their opinion thereon to the House.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen, Doctor Jones, Mr Vincent, Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Burrington be a Committee for that purpose.

ORDERED That the Publick Commissary do purchase Fifty Bushels of Hemp seed to be distributed in such manner as his Excellency the Governor shall judge most beneficial for the Culture thereof in this Province.

RESOLVED That this House will defray the expence of purchaseing and distributing the same.

The House attends the Governor with their address

Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Excellency and presented their Address, and being returned Mr Speaker reported that they had waited on His Excellency and presented their address to which he was pleased to return the following answer.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

The Governors answer to the address of the House

As I always have, so I shall endeavour to make the Public Bussiness in every respect and to all persons concerned as easy and agreeable as possible, Am extremely sorry that the Indisposition of several of Your Members renders it inconvenient for you to proceed on Bussiness at this time and shall readily assent to Your request of an Adjournment.

JA: WRIGHT

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to chuse a Convenient spot of Land within the entrance of the river to erect a Lazaretto for the Lodgement of Sick Negroes which may hereafter be brought into this province

Committee appointed for Chusing a convenient spot of Land for a Lazaretto.

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons, Sir Patrick Houstoun, Colonel Mullryne Mr Ewen and Mr Vincent be a Committee for that purpose.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Gentlemen

The House adjourned

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Twesday the Second Day of December next then to meet for the dispatch of Business and it is accordingly adjourned to Twesday (sic) the Second day of Decem^r next. Given under my Hand at Savannah the Eleventh day of Novem^r 1766

JA: WRIGHT

To the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday (sic) December 2^d 1766

The House met according to Adjournment

Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of St. Matthew

A Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the Parish of St Matthew was presented to the House and read setting forth that for several years past the Petitioners have not had any Commissioners for the roads from Bartons Branch to Briar Creek and have been ruled by the Com-

missioners below the said Branch, by whose orders they have cleared a road through the settlement and kept the same in good order for three Years past. But that now the said Commissioners for their own private ends have laid out another road and ordered the Petitioners to clear it, that has little or no Connection with the old road and cannot be of any use to any of the Inhabitants from Bartons Branch to Briar Creek excepting the Howells and therefore praying the House to take their sufferings into consideration and some of the Subscribers might be appointed Commissioners to see Justice done them.

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 15.)

Wednesday Decem^{r} 3^{d} 1766

Report of the Committee for chusing a Convenient spot of Land for a Lazaretto

Mr Gibbons from the Committee appointed to examine some convenient spot of Land within the entrance of the river Savannah for erecting a Lazaretto for the reception of Sick Negroes that may be brought into this province reported that they had carefully examined the Lands in the mouth of the Harbour and were of Opinion that the Head of Tybee Island at the entrance of Tybee Creek is the most proper place for that purpose.

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said report to Morrow morning—

Mr Jones according to order from the Committee ap-

Report of the Committee to consider what Laws are expired or near expiring

pointed to enquire what Laws are expired or near expiring and to report their Opinion which of them are proper to be revived or Continued reported that the Committee had examined accordingly and come to several resolutions which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the Same.

ORDERED That the report be now made. Then Mr Jones read the report in His place and afterwards delivered them in at the Table where they were again read and are as follows—

Their resolution thereon

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the following Acts are near expiring and fit to be continued (to wit) An Act passed the 7th of April 1763 for holding Special or extraordinary Courts of Common pleas for the tryal of Causes arising between Merchants Dealers and Others and Ship Masters Supercargoes and other Transient persons. And also

An Act amend the said Act passed the 7th of March 1766. And also

An Act passed the 7th of April 1763 to prevent damages which may arise from Dams or Banks for reserving or stopping of Water. And also

An Act passed the 29th of February 1764 for the punishment of Vagabonds and other idle and disorderly Persons and for erecting Prisons or places of Security in the several Parishes of this Province and for preventing Trespasses on Lands of the Crown or Lands reserved for the Indians, and the more Effectual suppressing and punishing Persons bartering with the Indians in the Woods. And also—

An Act passed the sixth day of March 1766 for the relief of Debtors who may be confined in Goal and are

unable to support themselves during such their confinement. And also

An Act passed the 4th day of March 1762 to Oblige Masters of Vessels, Super Cargoes and other Transient Persons Importing Goods and Merchandize into this Province to pay Tax for the same

The House resolves itself into a Committee upon the said resolutions

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee to take the said report under Consideration

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Vincent from the Committee reported they had gone through the same and He read the report in His place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

and agree thereto

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday Decemr 4th 1766

ORDERED That there be a Call of this House on Monday Next—

The House resolves itself into a Committee upon the report of the Committee to examine a Convenient spot of Land for a Lazaretto

The House according to the order of the Day resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration the report of the Committee appointed to examine a Convenient spot of Land within the entrance of the river Savannah for erecting a Lazaretto for the reception of such Negroes that may be brought into this Province, and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Gibbons from the Committee reported that

they had taken the said report into consideration which He read in his Place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where it was again read and

and agree thereto

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said report

A Bill to continue several Laws ordered

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to continue several Laws of this Province which are near expiring.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen, Dr Jones, Mr Vincent, Sir Patrick Houstoun, and Mr Burrington be a Committee to prepare and bring (sic) the same.

And the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday Decemr 5th 1766

a Bill to prohibit the exportation of Indian Corn &c.a

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit the exportation of Indian corn and Pease untill the first day of September next, and to impower the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice and Consent of the Honorable Council at any time or times hereafter during the continuance of the Bill conditionally to prohibit the exportation thereof—

ordered

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houston and Coll Mulryne be a Committee to prepare & bring in the said Bill

Ogechie Ferry Bill

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to sale for the Benefit of t[illegible] the Ferry over Great

Ogechie at a place called Pine Bluff for a term of Four Years and to authorize the said Commissioners to inspect and regulate the said Ferry during the said term—

Ordered

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Butler be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

Bill for laying a duty upon Negroes that have been six months in any of the Islands or Colonies

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for laying a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have been above Six months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for sale in this Province and for appropriating the same towards the repairing or Rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Island.

ordered

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Vincent be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Bill to amend an Act for regulating a Work House

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and Continue an Act for regulating a Work house for the custody and punishment of Negroes

Ordered

ORDERED That Mr Treutlen and Mr Vincent be a Committee to prepare an (sic) bring in the same.

Bill to prevent frauds &ca. in selling Beef &c

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intitled an Act to prevent frauds and deceits in selling Beef, Pork, Pitch, Tar, Turpentine and Fire wood.

Ordered

ORDERED That Mr Vincent and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday Decem^r 8th 1766

Call of the House

The order of the day being read for a Call of the House, it was called over accordingly and the Names of Robert Baillie, Jonathan Cochran and William Jones Esq^rs being called over, and neither themselves nor any excuse appearing it was

ORDERED That the Clerk do send letters to these Gentlemen by Express acquainting them that their attendance is immediately required.

The House took into consideration the petition of the Inhabitants of St Matthews parish and

The Petition of the Inhabitants of St. Matthew consider'd

ORDERED That the said Petition be referred to the Surveyors of the said Parish.

Bill to prevent the exportation of Indian Corn &ca. presented and read

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prohibit the exportation of Indian Corn and pease until the first day of September next and to Impower the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice and consent of the Honorable Council at any time or times hereafter dureing the Continuance of this Act conditionally to prohibit the exportation thereof reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first Time and Ordered to be read a Second time

Lumber Bill presented and read

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the making of Cypress Oak and Pine Lumber Staves and Shingles and to ascertain the Quality thereof reported they had prepared the same which was received an (sic) read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

Plan of a Lazaretto Ordered

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons, Mr Milledge, Mr Ewen and Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare a plan of a Lazaretto and also an Estimate of the Expence of the erecting the same.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday Novemr (sic) 9th 1766

Bill to prohibit exportation of Indian Corn &ca. read a Second time

The Bill to prohibit the exportation of Indian corn and Pease untill the first day of September next, and to Impower the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice and Consent of the Honorable Council at any time or times hereafter during the continuance of this Act conditionaly to prohibit the exportation thereof was read a Second time and committed

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill into Consideration.

The House resolves itself into a Committee thereon

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mullryne from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments which they had directed him to report to the House and He read the report in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed

Lumber Bill read a Second time

The Bill to regulate the making of Cypress, Oak and Pine Lumber, Staves and Shingles, and to ascertain the Quality thereof was read a Second time

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the said Bill under Consideration.

The House resolves itself into a Committee thereon

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Vincent from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill under consideration and made some Progress thereon and that He was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday Decemr 10th 1766

The House met according to adjournment and adjourned till tomorrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday Decemr 11th 1766

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday Decem^{r} 12th 1766

The House in a Committee further to Consider the Lumber Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Bill for the making of Cypress, Oak, and Pine Lumber Staves and Shingles and to ascertain the Quality thereof and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Vincent from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House.

and report

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be Ingrossed

ORDERED That the Clerk do send letters to Mr Smith Mr Milledge and Mr Burrington acquainting them that the House requires their attendance on Monday next

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday Decem^{r} 13th 1766

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday morning at Ten O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday Decem^r 15th 1766

The Bill to prohibit the exportation of Indian Corn &c read a third time

The Bill intituled an Act to prohibit the exportation of Indian Corn and Pease untill the first day of September Next, and to Impower the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being with the advice and consent of the Honorable Council at any time or times hereafter during the continuance of this Act conditionally to prohibit the exportation thereof was read a third time.

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

The Bill for putting up to sale the Ferry on Great Ogechee presented and read

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to Impower the Commissioners therein named to put up to sale for the Benefit of the Publick the Ferry over Great Ogechee river at a place called Pine Bluff for a term of Four Years and to authorize the Commissioners to inspect and regulate the said Ferry during the said term reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

ORDERED That the Clerk do acquaint Mr Gibbons that the House requires his attendance to morrow morning

Plan of Building for a Lazaretto & the Expence thereof presented

Mr Gibbons from the Committee appointed to examine some Convenient spot of Land within the entrance of the River Savannah for erecting a Lazaretto for the reception of sick Negroes that may be brought into this Province presented to the House a plan of a Building for the said purpose as also an Estimate of the expence of constructing the same

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday (sic) Decem^r 16th 1766

Lumber Bill read the third time

A Bill intituled an Act to regulate the making of Cypress, Oak, and Pine Lumber, Staves and Shingles and to ascertain the Quality thereof was read a Third time

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Ogechee Ferry Bill read a Second time

The Bill intituled an Act to empower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the Benefit of the Publick the Ferry over Great Ogechee river at a place called Pine Bluff for a term of Four Years and to authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect aid regulate the said Ferry during the said term was read a Second time.

ORDERED That the said Bill be engrossed

Bill for granting Writts of Partition &ca. Ordered

Motion was made for Leave to bring in a Bill to empower the General Court of Pleas to grant Writts of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common in this Province and appointing the method of proceeding therein

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Vincent be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning at Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday Decem^r 17th 1766

Information of David Cutler Braddock Esqr.

Information was made to the House by David Cutler Braddock Esqr a Member of this House that during the last adjournment He was Arrested and held to Bail by the Provost Marshal of the Province and that as he apprehended such Arrest to be a Manifest Violation of the Priveleges of the Members of the House prayed the House to take the same into serious consideration and do therein as to its wisdom shall seem meet

RESOLVED That this House will take the said information into consideration on Friday next

Bill for granting Writts of Partition &c: presented and read (sic)

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to empower the General Court of Pleas in this Province to grant Writts of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary, Joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common in this Province and appointing the method of Proceeding therein reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and Ordered to be read a Second time

Bill to amend an Act for regulating a Work House presented and read

Mr Treutlen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend and Continue an Act for regulating a Work House for the custody and punishment of Negroes reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

The sum of £35 provided to build a House for the use of the Watch

RESOLVED That this House will provide the sum of Thirty Five pounds for building a House for the use of the Watch in the Town of Savannah

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Vincent be a Committee to carry the said Building into execution

And then the House adjourned till To Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday Decemr 18th 1766

Bill for clearing and keeping clean &c. the Town of Sunbury

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to oblige the Inhabitants of the Town of Sunbury to clear and keep clean the several squares streets and Lanes and Common within the same and to exempt the said Inhabitants from working upon the roads within the Parish of St John

Ordered

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill

Ogechee Ferry Bill read a third time

The engrossed Bill intituled an Act to Impower the Commissioners therein named to put up to sale for the Benefit of the Publick the Ferry over Great Ogechee river at the place called Pine Bluff for a term of Four Years and to authorize the Commissioners to inspect and regulate the same during the said term was read a third time

passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

the sum of £70 for a Lazaretto resolved on

RESOLVED That this House will provide the sum of Seventy pounds for purchasing a Convenient spot of Land for the Purpose of erecting a Lazaretto for the reception of Sick Negroes that may be brought into this Province

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to Im-

Bill for the purchase of Land for a Lazaretto

power Commissioners therein named to purchase from Josiah Tatnell Esqr His Executors or Administrators One Hundred and Four Acres of Land for the purpose of Erecting a Lazaretto upon Tybee Island—

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill

Persons having demands on the Publick to deliver in their Accounts

ORDERED That the Clerk do give Notice in the Gazette for all Persons having demands on the Publick to deliver in their Accounts to the Clerk of this House by the Tenth day of January next

The Commissioners of the Town & Common ordered to deliver in their Accounts

ORDERED That the Commissioners for the Town and Common of Savannah do deliver in their Accounts to the Clerk of this House on or before the Tenth day of January Next.

Work House Bill read a Second time

The Bill to amend and Continue an Act for the regulation of a Work House for the Custody and punishment of Negroes was read a Second time. and

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Bill into Consideration.

The House resolves itself into a Committee thereon

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Treutlen from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto which He read in His place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

and report

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed And the said Bill was engrossed accordingly

read the third time and passed

ORDERED That the Bill be now read a third time, And the same was read accordingly

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their concurrence thereto

The Committee of Correspondence ordered to recommend Mr. Bowen to Mr. Garth

ORDERED That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Correspondence that they recommend Mr Samuel Bowen in the strongest manner to Charles Garth Esqr at London requesting he will be pleased to favour him with his Interest in promoting the very usefull Manufactory He has lately begun in this Province.

Bill for partition of Lands read a Second time and ordered to be Committed

The Bill to empower the General Court of Pleas to grant Writs of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary joint Tenancy and Tenancy in Common in this Province and appointing the method of proceeding therein was read a second time and ordered to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday Decemr 19th 1766

The order of the day being read for taking under Consideration the information of David Cutler Braddock Esqr

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over till the twentieth of January next

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery—

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor requires the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately

The House attends the Governor and He assents to a Bill for prohibiting the exportation of Indian Corn &c.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Bill to prohibit the exportation of Indian Corn and Pease until the first day of September next and to Impower the Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being by and with the advice and Consent of the Honorable Council at any time or times hereafter during the Continuance of this Act conditionaly to prohibit the exportation thereof

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Gentlemen

The House adjourned

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Thursday the Thirteenth day of January next then to meet for the dispatch of Bussiness, and it is accordingly adjourned to Twesday the Thirteenth day of January next. Given under my hand at Savannah this Nineteenth day of December 1766.—

JA: WRIGHT

To the Honble the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday (sic) January 13th 1767

The House met according to adjournment—

ORDERED That the Commissioners of the Town and Common of Savannah do attend this House with their Accounts on Wednesday fortnight

Motion for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Estimate

Motion was made that the House resolve itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one Year commencing the Twenty Ninth day of September 1766 and ending the Twenty Ninth day of September 1767

RESOLVED That this House will resolve itself into a Committee to take under consideration the same to morrow morning

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday January 14th 1767

ORDERED That the Clerk do send letters by Express to Mr Baillie Mr Barnard Mr Waters and Mr William Jones and Mr McIntosh acquainting them that the House requires their immediate attendance.

A memorial of James Johnson Printer

A Memorial of James Johnson Printer was presented to the House and read setting forth that in April 1763 he did at a Considerable expence set up a Printing press in this Town and that his Salary from the Publick ex-

pires in April next and the encouragement he has met with is not sufficient without that Salary to enable him to carry on his Bussiness. He therefore hop'd the House will further Assist him by the renewal of the Act for the encouragement of a Printer for such farther time as to them shall seem meet.

ORDERED That the said Memorial be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

ORDERED That Mr Tatnell have leave of absence for a Fortnight

The Committee of Correspondence report they had remitted McGarth £105.

Mr Ewen from the Committee of Correspondence reported that they had transmitted to Charles Garth Esqr in London a Bill of Exchange for the sum of One Hundred Guineas agreeable to a Vote of this House.

The House resolves into a Committee to consider the Estimate

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee upon the Estimate for the ensuing year and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Vincent from the Committee reported they had made some progress therein and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday Janry 15th 1767

The House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Estimate

The House according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Estimate for the Necessary Charges of Government for one Year (in the Province of Georgia) commencing the 29th Sep-

tem[r] 1766 and ending the Twenty Ninth of September 1767, And after some time spent therein M[r] Speaker resumed the Chair and M[r] Vincent from the Committee reported that they had made some further progress therein and that He was directed to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday January 16th 1767

The Commissioners for the purchase of Rice ordered to lay their Accounts before the House

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed in and by an Ordinance passed the last session of the Assembly directing and empowering them to purchase a Quantity of Rice at a certain Price and retail the same for Account of the Publick do lay their Accounts before this House by the Twenty third Instant

Committee appointed to examine Public Arms.

Motion was made for a Committee [(sic)] be appointed to examine in what order the Armorer Keep the Publick Arms and report the same to the House

ORDERED That M[r] Simpson, M[r] Ewen and M[r] Vincent be a Committee for that purpose

Petition of John Moret Esqr.

A Petition of John Moret Esq[r] was presented to the House and read setting forth that the Petitioners place of Residence and Planting is on the Island of Ossabau in the Parish of Saint Philip that He is possessed of a considerable number of Slaves who by the Law of this Province are Obliged to work on the Publick roads in the said Parish for the space of Six days Yearly that by

reason of the distance of the said Island from the main Land it takes the Petitioner a day and a half to pass with his Slaves from the said Island to the place of working and the like time to return and the Passage is often attended with Difficulty and danger, that notwithstanding the Petitioner is so differently circumstanced with respect to the Convenience of working on the Publick roads from any other Parishioner, the Commissioners of the roads refuse to make him the least allowance of time for coming and going and insist on his working Six days compleat Yearly and have Obliged him to pay a Considerable sum of money for Default of so doing altho the Petitioner well knows that Indulgences of this Sort are granted and allowed to Parishioners on the Continent. And further setting forth that the Petitioner is very far from being desirous of being exempted from Parochial duties and services but humbly hopes He ought not to be singled out to sustain peculiar Difficulties and Hardships, He therefore prayed the House to grant him such relief as to it shall seem meet

ORDERED That the said Petition do lye on the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House

the House resolves itself into a Committee to consider the Bill for granting Writs of Partition of Lands &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under consideration the Bill to Impower the General Court of Pleas to grant Writts of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary, Joint Tenancy, and Tenancy in common in this province and appointing the method of proceeding therein and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Burrington from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and agreed thereto without any Amendment

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said report

Motion was made that the Bill be now read the third time and it was read accordingly

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

report of the Committee appointed to examine the Public arms

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to examine in what order the Armourer kept the Publick arms reported that they found only fifty stand in good and proper condition and that the others were at present unfit for use.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday January 17th 1767

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday morning Ten O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday January 19th 1767

The House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Estimate

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Estimate of the Necessary charges of Government in the province of Georgia for one Year commencing the Twenty Ninth day of September 1766 and ending the Twenty Ninth day of September 1767 and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Vincent from the Committee reported they had made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again

Bill for the purchase of Land for a Lazaretto read the first time

Mr Gibbons from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to impower the Commissioners therein named to purchase from Josiah Tatnell Esqr his Exors or Admors One Hundred and Four Acres of Land for the purpose of Erecting a Lazaretto upon Tybee Island reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday (sic) January 20th 1767

The order of the day being read for taking under consideration the Information of David Cutler Braddock Esqr a Member of this House

ORDERED That the same be adjourned over till this day fortnight

ORDERED That Mr Vincent have leave of absence till Twesday next

Petition of Martin Dasher, Vintner

A Petition of Martin Dasher Vintner was presented to the House and read setting forth, that the Petitioner had been appointed by the Commissioners of the roads for the Parish of Saint Matthew to keep a ferry opposite the Town of Ebenezer across the river Savannah he therefore prayed the House would be pleased to establish a Publick ferry at the place aforesaid and Vest the same in the Petitioner and his Heirs

ORDERED That the said Petition do lie on the Table for the perusal of the Members of this House.

Bill for purchasing Land for a Lazetto (sic) read the Second time

The Bill to Impower the Commissioners therein named to purchase from Josiah Tatnell Esqr His Ex^ors or Adm^ors One Hundred and four Acres of Land for the purpose of erecting a Lazaretto upon Tybee Island was read the Second time and ordered to be read a Third time.

Two Messages from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery Viz^t 1st

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen/

Message from His Excellency the Governor about Fort Halifax &c.

I must recommend to your consideration the decayed and ruinous condition of Fort Halifax and especially the Caponnieres some of which will not stand many months without being repaired but with a small repair which may be made at a triffling expence they will be usefull for several Years

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
20th January 1767

Second Message Viz^t

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen/

another Message from His Excellency the Governor about Necessaries for Soldiers as allowed by the Mutiny Act

It is always with reluctance that I mention any matters of expence to you but having received very lately a letter from Captain Phillips the Officer Commanding the detachment of His Majesty's Troops in this province, inclosing me a list of Necessaries allowed by the Mutiny Act to Soldiers in America and desiring to know where he is to procure the same, it is my duty to lay the matter together with the Act of Parliament before you and to recommend it to your serious consideration and hope you

will enable me to comply with the directions contained in the said Act—

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah January 20th 1767

Extract of a Letter from Captain Lieut Phillips

Extract of a letter from Captn. Phillips

"I beg your Excellency will be pleased to forgive the "trouble I give by inclosing a List of the Necessaries "allowed to Soldiers when they are lodged in Barracks "and intreat your directions where I am to procure them "for the Garrisons in Your Excellencys Province"

List of Necessaries for Soldiers in Garrison

"A List of Necessaries for the Soldiers on the Out "Posts

"Candles for the Garrison an (sic) Hospital

"Wood for the Garrison

"Bedding and Bed Steads

"Rum Vinegar &ca as ordered by the Mutiny Act

"Cooking Utensils Pots, platters, Spoons &ca &ca

"Axes to cut their wood, and Tables and Forms

(Signed) RALPH PHILLIPS

Charles Town Janry 6th 1767

Number of the Officers and Soldiers in this Province

The Command at Augusta, an Officer, Surgeons Mate, and 20 men, but at present only 17, Privates

The Command at Frederica a Serjeant and 10, Privates but at Present only a Corporal and 9, Privates

The title of the Act of Parliament sent with the Second Message was read as follows Vizt

Title of the Mutiny Act

An Act to amend and render more Effectual in His Majestys Dominions in America An Act passed in this present session of Parliament intituled an Act for punishing Mutiny and Desertion and for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters.—

Committee appointed to examine the state of Fort Halifax &c.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to examine the state and Condition of the Caponnieres in Fort Halifax and report their opinion thereon to the House.—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson Mr Gibbons and Mr Milledge be a Committee for that purpose.—

ORDERED That the Governors second Message be taken into consideration on Wednesday next—

The House resolves into a Committee further to consider the Estimate

The House resolves into a Committee further to Consider the Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for the Year commencing the Twenty Ninth day of September 1766 and ending the Twenty Ninth day of September 1767 and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Vincent from the Committee reported that they had made some further Progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday January 21st 1767

Committee report the state of Fort Halifax &c.

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to examine the state and condition of the Caponnieres in Fort Halifax reported, that they had examined them and find that there will be Twenty two posts wanting about seven feet long and one foot square to replace those which were rotten in the North East and North West Caponnieres, the other Two appear not to stand in need of any repair for the present, they likewise viewed the other Caponnieres in the Outside of the Town and found them in good condition

Committee ordered to employ workmen to repair Fort Halifax

ORDERED That the said Committee do employ proper persons to repair the said North East and North west Caponnieres

RESOLVED That this House will defray the expence thereof

Message from the upper House

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery That they had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to empower the General Court of Pleas to grant Writts of Partition of Lands and Tenements held in Coparcenary joint Tenancy and Tenancy in common in this Province and appointing the method of proceeding therein and that they had also agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating the Work house in the Town of Savannah without any amendments, And also that the Upper House had passed a Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act for the better regulating Taverns and Punch houses and Retailers of Spirituous Liquors to which they desired the Concurrence of this House—

Bill for purchasing Land for a Lazaretto read the third time and passed

The Bill to empower the Commissioners therein named to purchase from Josiah Tatnell Esqr His Ex^ors or Adm^ors One Hundred and Four Acres of Land for the purpose of Building a Lazaretto upon Tybee Island was read the third time

RESOLVED That the Bill do Pass

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons do carry the Bill to the Upper House and desire their concurrence thereto—

Bill for clearing the Town of Sunbury &c. read the first time

Mr Gibbons from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to oblige the Inhabitants of the Town of Sunbury to clear and keep clean the several squares, streets, Lanes and Common within the same and to exempt the said inhabitants from working upon the roads within the parish of St John reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered read the Second time

The House according to the order of the day took into consideration the Memorial of James Johnson and

The House resolves to provide £50 for a Printer

RESOLVED That this House will provide the sum of Fifty pounds as an encouragement for supporting a printing Press in this province from the first day of April next and to Continue till the first day of April 1768 exclusive of any Account he may have against the Publick during that time.—

Engrossed Bill for regulating Taverns &c. read the first time

The Engrossed Bill from the Upper House intituled an Act to further amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and retailers of Spirituous liquors was read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

ORDERED That Mr Young have leave of absence till Monday next—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday January 22d 1767

Bill for clearing the Town of Sunbury &c. read the Second time

The Bill to Oblige the Inhabitants of the Town of Sunbury to clear and keep clean the several streets, squares, Lanes and Common within the same and to exempt the said Inhabitants from working upon the roads within the Parish of Saint John was read a second time and ordered to be read a Third time—

The Commissioners of the Town & Common attend the House and present their accts.

The House being informed that the Commissioners of the Town and Common of Savannah attended at the Door they were called in at the Barr and presented to the House (according to order) an Account of Fines received of Defaulters on the Town and Common of Savannah from the 19th Novemr 1763 to September the First 1766 distinguishing each Year and then they withdrew—

And the Titles of the said Accounts were read

Committee ordered to examine the same

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to examine the said Accounts and report the same as it shall appear to them to the House—

Engrossed Bill for regulating Taverns &c. read a Second time

The Engrossed Bill from the upper House intituled an Act to further amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and retailers of Spirituous Liquors was read a Second time and ordered to be read a third time—

ORDERED That Mr Treutlen have leave of Absence till monday week

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday January 23d 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday Janry 24th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till monday morning Ten O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday Janry 26th 1767

A letter from Edward Barnard Esqr a Member of this House was read setting forth an Excuse of his Non attendance

RESOLVED That the said Excuse is not satisfactory.

The Piazzas of the Governors House ordered to be repaired

It appearing to the House that the Piazzas of the Governors House are greatly out of repair—

RESOLVED That the Commissioners appointed to Inspect and repair the Caponnieres in Fort Halifax have

power to employ proper Persons to repair the said Piazzas

Bill for Clearing the Town of Sunbury &c. read the third time and passed

The Bill to Oblige the Inhabitants of the Town of Sunbury to Clear and Keep clean the several squares Streets Lanes and Common within the same and to exempt the Inhabitants from working upon the roads within the Parish of S[t] John was read a third time.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That M[r] Smith do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their concurrence thereto—

Engrossed Bill for regulating Taverns &c. read the third time and agreed to with an amendment

The Engrossed Bill from the upper House intituled an Act to further amend an Act for the better regulating Taverns Punch Houses and retailers of Spirituous liquors was read a third time and agreed to with an Amendment—

ORDERED That M[r] Smith do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their concurrence to the said Amendment—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday [sic] January 27th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday January 28th 1767

The Petition of Martin Dasher was taken under Consideration—

Bill for establishing a Ferry at Ebenezer ordered

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Ferry opposite the Town of Ebenezer across the river Savannah and Vesting the same in Martin Dasher His Executors Administrators and Assigns—

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Tatnell be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill—

Commissioners for purchasing Rice lay their Accos. before the House

The Commissioners appointed in and by an Ordinance passed last Sessions Impowering them to purchase rice and to retail the same for the use of the Publick laid their Accounts before the House according to order—

Order thereon

ORDERED That the said Commissioners do take the most speedy and Effectual measures to Collect the Arrears due on the said Accounts and transmit the same to the Treasurer—

ORDERED That the Clerk of this House do furnish the said Commissioners with a Copy of the said order—

The House takes under consideration the Governors message of the 20th.

The Governors Message of the 20th Instant was taken under consideration and after some time spent therein motion was made that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency on the subject matter of the said Message—

Order thereon

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons, Mr Ewen, Mr Smith, Mr Burrington Mr Johnston, Mr Mullryne and Sir Patrick Houston be a Committee to draw up the same

The Commissioners for leasing the Spring &c. ordered to lay their proceedings before the House

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act intituled an Act to Impower Commissioners to Lease or let for a Certain term of Years the Lot of Land commonly called the Spring near Savannah and to rent the Building in Savannnah commonly Called the Watch House and to appropriate the monies arising therefrom do report to the House their proceedings therein—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday January 29th 1767

Motion for an Address to the Governor that the House may borrow out of the Powder fund the sum of £300

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor desiring He will be pleased to permit this House to borrow from the Treasurer out of the Fund arising by virtue of the Act intituled an Act for raising a Publick Store of Gunpowder for the Defence of this Province a Sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds to defray the expence of Erecting a Lazaretto on Tybee Island for the reception of Infected Persons coming into this Province—

Committee appointed for that purpose

ORDERED That Mr Smith, Mr Burrington, Mr Gibbons Docr Jones and Mr Johnson be a Committee to prepare the said Address—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday January 30th 1767

Bill for establishing a Ferry at Ebenezer read the first time

Mr Treutland (sic) from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for establishing a Ferry from the Town of Ebenezer to the opposiite Bluff upon the river Savannah and for Vesting the same in Martin Dasher His Heirs and assigns for the Term of Seven Years reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors &c. read the first time

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber for the said Ports reported, that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

Committee report they had prepared an Address to the Governor

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor desiring He will be pleased to permit the House to borrow from the Treasurer out of the Fund arising by virtue of the Act intituled an Act for raising a Publick Store of Gunpowder for the defence of this Province a Sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds to defray the expense of erecting a Lazaretto on Tybee Island for the reception of infected Persons into this Province reported they had prepared the same which he read in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where it was again read and

Resolved That the House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take said Address into Consideration—

The House resolves into a Committee to consider the same

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Smith from the Committee reported they had gone through the said Address and made several Amendments thereto and he read the Amendments in his place and afterwards delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Address with the Amendments be engrossed

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday Janry 31st 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday morning Ten O'Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday Febry 2d 1767

The engrossed Address to the Governor was read in the words following

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majestys Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the Same

The Humble address of the Commons House of Assembly—

May it please your Excellency

Address to His Excellency that he would be pleased to allow the House to borrow £300 out of the powder fund

The Commons House of Assembly having taken into consideration that part of your Excellency's speech at the opening of the Session recommending a Lazaretto to be built for the reception of infected persons coming into this province, have agreed to purchase a Convenient spot of Land upon Tybee Island and would proceed in Building a House suitable for that purpose but the several other Necessary expences of Government the present inability of the Constituents and scarcity of money render them incapable at this time of providing for this Necessary work by an addition (sic) the General tax.

Yet being fully Convinced that your Excellency will on all Occasions assist this House in carrying into execution every measure that may be productive of advantage to the Province and being informed that there is now in the Treasury a considerable sum of money which has arose by virtue of the Act for raising a Publick Store of Gunpowder which they apprehend there will be no Occasion to make use of for some time agreable to the direction of the said Act. As there is a large Store of Gunpowder now in the Magazine and the Quantity daily encreasing. They therefore request that Your Excellency would please permit them to borrow from that fund a sum not exceeding Three Hundred pounds for the above mentioned purpose, which the House will chearfully repay when thereunto required by Your Excellency or the Commander in Chief for the time being—

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address. And

He signed it accordingly

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Sir Patrick Hous-

The Address presented

toun do wait upon His Excellency with the said Address who being returned reported that the Governor was pleased to say He would consult the Council thereon and send the House an Answer.

report of the Committee for examining the Accos of the Commissioners of the Town & Common

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Commissioners of the Town and Common in Savannah reported that the said Accounts were properly stated, by which it appeared that a Ballance of £19.. 17.. 11½ was due to the said Commissioners and that the Committee are of Opinion that the Law against the Defaulters mentioned in the List for the Years 1763, 1765, and 1766 should immediately be put in force whereby there will be a sufficient Sum to reimburse the said Commissioners and put the Town Wells in proper repair—

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said report

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish the said Commissioners with a Copy of the said report and resolution

Bill for establishing a ferry at Ebenezer read the Second time

The Bill intituled an Act for Establishing a Ferry from the Town of Ebenezer to the Opposite Bluff upon the river Savannah and for vesting the same in Martin Dasher His Exors Admors and Assigns for and during the space of Seven Years was read a Second time and Ordered to be read a third time

Ordinance for appointing Packers &ca. read the Second time

The Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber for the said Ports was read a Second time and Ordered to be read a third time

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday (sic) Febr^{y} 3^{d} 1767

Bill for establishing a ferry at Ebenezer read the third time and passed

The Bill intituled an Act for establishing a Ferry from the Town of Ebenezer to the Opposite Bluff upon the river Savannah and for vesting the same in Martin Dasher His Ex^{ors} Adm^{ors} and Assigns for and during the Term of Seven Years was read a third time—

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their concurrence thereto

Ordinance for appointing Packers &c. read the third time and

The Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber for the said Ports was read a third time

Passed

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Ordinance to the upper House and desire their concurrence thereto.

D. Cutler Braddock desires the House to proceed no farther in his information

The Order of the day being read for taking under consideration the Information of David Cutler Braddock Esqr he requested the House would proceed no farther therein for that he had misconstrued a letter wrote him by the Provost Marshal acquainting him that a suit had been entered against him by Nowell, Davies, and Ancrum, as an Arrest and requisition of Bail. The House taking the said request into Consideration are of Opinion that the said letter from the Provost Marshal cannot be construed as an Arrest or Breach of Privilege of this House.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday Febr^{y} 4th 1767

The House took under consideration the Petition of John Morel Esqr and

Mr. Morels Petition Consid-er'd and

ORDERED That the Petition be referred to the Consideration of Mr Smith, M^{r} McIntosh and Mr Gibbons, and that they do examine what peculiar difficulties and hardships the Petitioner labours under the Committee having examined the same reported that they are of opinion the Petitioner has not sustained greater difficulties and hardships than other settlers on the Sea Islands—

The House was moved that the Petition be dismissed

dismissed

ORDERED That the Petition be dismissed

Petition of the Merchants about scarcity of Currency

A Petition of the Merchants residing in this province whose names were thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read setting forth, That by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province intituled an Act for stamping Imprinting and issuing &c^{a} and confirmed by His Majesty the amount of the Currency to be issued by virtue thereof was limited to seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds, that by the very great addition of Inhabitants in this province as well as the extraordinary increase of Commerce the Inequality of that sum to the Necessary wants of Individuals is so fully evidenced that it is scarce needful to add the extension of the Province, and the settlement of East Florida where the Bills of Credit of this Province are taken in payment as reasons for a further Establishment of a Currency in Georgia

The many and continued inconveniences the Petition-

ers labour under from the want of a sufficient Currency in a Province where by the Peculiar situation of its commerce and produce they are precluded from the advantage either of receiving any Quantity of Bullion or retaining what little they may receive, find themselves thereby incapable of carrying on Business with any Credit to themselves and of course to the Community, it being a fact past dispute that Men in Trade who have very considerable Debts lying out in the hands of the best Persons in the Province cannot often command the smallest sum on the most urgent Occasions—

The Petitioners therefore apply to the Honorable House and beg leave to lay before it a Case so interesting to the wellfare of the Province and humbly hope that upon due Consideration of so apparent an evil Your Honorable House will for their relief therein do what shall seem meet and the Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray—

ORDERED That the Petition do lye upon the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine oClock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday Febr^{y} 5th 1767

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

I have taken the Opinion of His Majestys Council on

Message from His Excellency in answer to the address about the Powder money

the address received from you relative to the application of the Powder money and as I am perfectly disposed to Concur in every thing that may be for the ease of the People and the prosperity of the Province I do readily Consent that agreable to the Opinion and advice of the Council (a Copy whereof I now send you) the sum of £300. St^g which has been received in lieu of Gunpowder, be appropriated on loan for the uses mentioned in your Address notwithstanding some solid Objections may lye against it

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah 5th Febr^y 1767

GEORGIA

The Councils Opinion thereon

At a Council held in the Council Chamber at Savannah on Twesday the 3^d Decem^r 1767 [Should be February.]

[Here are the Minutes of Council for 3 February [not December] 1767 beginning:— "His Excellency laid before the Board an Address" and ending:— "whatever Moneys might at that time be in the Treasury"—]

Bill for building a Lazaretto &c. ordered

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to Impower the Commissioners therein named to erect a Lazaretto and a House for the Keeper thereof upon the Island of Tybee and to receive from the Treasurer or Powder receiver of this Province a Sum not exceeding Three Hundred pounds to defray the expence thereof and to impower the said Treasurer to repay the same.

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Gibbons be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bill.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery Viz^t

Upper House of Assembly
4th Febry 1767—

Mr Speaker

Message from the upper House about the Merchants Petition

[For transcript of this Message desiring a Committee see Upper House 4 February]

Committee.....

The Honble { Grey Elliott, James Read, Ja: Edward Powel } Esqrs

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry the following Message to the upper House—

Commons House of Assembly
5th Febry 1767—

Honble Gentlemen

Answer to the said Message

In answer to your Message of yesterday informing this House that you had appointed a Committee to consider of the Petition of the Merchants to both Houses and requesting this House to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of Your House therein this House hath appointed a Committee accordingly—

Committee..... { William Ewen, Sir Patrick Houstoun, John Simpson, Robert Baillie, Andrew Johnson } Esqrs

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday Febr^y 6th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday Febr^y 7th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday Febr^y 9th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday Febr^y 10th 1767

Report of the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the upper House to consider the Merchants petition

Sir Patrick Houston from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the upper House to consider the Merchants Petition reported that they had come to the following resolution, that an Humble Petition be transmitted to the King and Parliament praying a repeal of the Act to prevent issuing Paper Currency in America and that His Majesty woud be pleased to instruct the Governor of this Province to give his Assent to a Bill for calling in the sum of £7410.. and for issuing the sum of £22000 and that an address be presented His Excellency

the Governor requesting his recommendation and support of the said Petitions—

The House agrees thereto

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said report.

Bill to prevent stealing Horses &c. read the first time

The Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the Effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Brand, mark, Kill, or drive the same was presented and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

Message from the upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery— That they had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to oblige the Inhabitants of the Town of Sunbury to Clear and keep clean the several squares Streets Lanes and Common within the same, and to exempt the said Inhabitants from working upon the roads within the parish of Saint John without amendment and also to an Ordinance for appointing Packers and Inspectors for the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury and also Cullers and Inspectors of Lumber for the said Ports without amendment— And also that they had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to regulate the making of Cypress and Pine Lumber, Staves and Shingles and to ascertain the Quality thereof, and also the Bill intituled an Act for establishing a Ferry from the Town of Ebenezer to the opposite Bluff upon the river Savannah and for vesting the same in Martin Dasher His Ex^{ors} Adm^{ors} and Assigns for and during the term of Seven Years with some amendments.

Bill for erecting a Lazaretto &c. read the first time.

The Bill intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners therein named to Erect a Lazaretto and a House for the Keeper thereof upon the Island of Tybee and to receive from the Treasurer or Powder receiver of this province a Sum not exceeding three Hundred pounds

to defray the expence thereof and to impower the said Treasurer to repay the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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The same read a Second time.

The Bill intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners therein named to erect a Lazaretto and a House for the Keeper thereof upon the Island of Tybee and to receive from the Treasurer or Powder receiver of this Province a Sum not exceeding three Hundred pounds to defray the expence thereof and to empower the said Treasurer to pay the same was read the second time—

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Bill under Consideration—

and Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Smith from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several amendments thereto which he read in His place and afterwards deliver'd the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be ingrossed—

Bill to prevent stealing Horses &c. read a Second time

The Bill to prevent Stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully brand mark Kill or drive the same was read a Second time.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Bill under Consideration

and Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had taken the same under consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Message from the upper House about petitioning His Majesty &c.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, that they had appointed a Committee to join a Committee of this House in preparing a Humble Petition to the King and Parliament for a repeal of the Act to prevent issuing Paper Currency and that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to instruct the Governor to give his Assent to a Bill for calling in the sum of £7410. being the amount of the Currency of this Province already issued and for stamping and issuing the sum of £22000 —and also that an address be presented to the Governor requesting his recommendation and support of the said Petitions—

The House appointed a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House therein and

Then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday Febr^{y} 12th 1767

Bill for erecting a Lazaretto read the third time

The Bill to impower the Commissioners therein named to erect a Lazaretto and a House for the Keeper thereof upon the Island of Tybee and to receive from the Treasurer or Powder receiver of this Province a Sum not exceeding Three Hundred Pounds to defray the expence thereof and to impower the said Treasurer to repay the same was read a third time.

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Smith do carry the Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

further Commitment of the Bill to prevent stealing Horses &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Bill to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the Effectual discovery and Punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Brand mark Kill or drive the same and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had taken the same under consideration and had made some further progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the said Committee have leave to sit again

ORDERED That Mr Baillie have leave of absence for next week

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday February 13th 1767

report of the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the upper House in drawing up Petitions to His Majesty and Parlt.

Sir Patrick Houston from the Committee Appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House to prepare Petitions to the King and Parliament reported That it was the Opinion of the Committee that it will be Necessary to present an Humble address to the Governor desiring He will be pleased to order to be laid before this House a State of the Militia including Alarm men from the Year 1760 to 1766 both years included to ascertain the Increase of Inhabitants and that He will be pleased to order the Officers of His Majestys Customs to lay before this House a state of the Number of shipping entered and cleared out in this Province and of the imports and exports during that time distinguishing each Year to shew the Increase of Trade and also that he will please to direct the Treasurer to lay before this House a Yearly Account of the Negroes and other Slaves during the same Years without which they cannot proceed further in the said Petitions

An Address to His Excelly. ordered.

RESOLVED That such an Address be prepared and that the aforementioned Committee do draw up the same

The said Address being prepared was read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houston and Mr Simpson do wait on the Governor therewith—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday February 14th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday morning Ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday February 16th 1767

report of the Committee for erecting a House for the use of the Patole (sic)

The Committee appointed to Erect a House for the use of a Patrole in Savannah reported that they had compleated the said Building and laid their Accounts before the House which was read and approved of—

Address presented to the Governor and his Answer.

Sir Patrick Houston and Mr Simpson having waited on the Governor with the Address of this House of Friday last reported that they had presented the same to which His Excellency was pleased to say He would order the several matters therein particularized to be laid before the House—

ORDERED That Mr Cochran have leave of Absence till friday next

ORDERED That Mr McIntosh have leave of absence for next week

further Commitment of the Bill to prevent stealing Horses &c.

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Bill intituled an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the Effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Brand Mark Kill or drive the same and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had

report

gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock.

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The said Bill read a third time and

The engrossed Bill entituled an Act to prevent stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully Brand mark Kill or Drive the same was read a third time—

passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their concurrence thereto—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 18th Febry 1767

Memorial of the Church Wardens of the Parish of Christ Church about Transient poor &c.

A Memorial of the Church Wardens of the Parish of Christ Church was presented to the House and read, Setting forth that by means of the many Transient Poor that have come and Continue to come to Savannah the Memorialists have paid considerable sums of money and have involved themselves in Debt that will exceed One Hundred Pounds more than the Vestry are impowered to assess the Inhabitants of this Parish, therefore the Memorialists must in a Short time be under the lamentable necessity of being deaf to the cries of the distressed and will be obliged to dismiss them to perish in the streets. That the Memorialists have annexed an Estimate of the Parish of Christ Church from April 1766 to April 1767 and humbly hope that the miseries of those who by misfortunes and sickness are reduced to poverty and want will be taken into consideration of the Honorable House and by such means as may seem to them the most proper the Memorialists may be enabled to continue to the Poor the Necessary relief—

ORDERED That the Memorial do lye on the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House—

Committee report they had prepared an Address to His Excellency

Mr Gibbons from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to the Governor on the subject matter of His Message to the House of the 20th Janry last reported that they had prepared one which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Table where the same was again read.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Address into consideration.

The House resolves into a Committee to consider the same

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some (sic) spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Waters from the Committee reported that they had taken the said address into consideration and made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Address with the amendments be engrossed

ORDERED That Mr Waters do carry the following message to the Upper House

Commons House of Assembly
Febry 18th 1767.

Message to the Upper-House.

[For transcript of Message desiring conference on the amendment to the Ebenezer Ferry Bill see Journal of Upper House 18 Feb. 1767.]

A Message from the upper House by the Master (sic) Chancery

Upper House of Assembly Febry 18th 1767

Answer from the Upper House thereto

[For transcript agreeing to conference see Journal of Upper House 19th Feby.]

[ends thus:—] adjoining the Council Chamber to morrow morning at Ten O'Clock.

Committee

The Honble { James Edward Powell, James Read } Esqrs

ORDERED That Mr Ewen, Mr Smith, and Mr Jones be

a Committee to join the Committee of the upper House in the said Conference—

The engrossed Address to His Excellency the Governor was read in the following words Viz[t]

To His Excellency James Wright Esq[r] Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majestys Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly of the said Province—

May it please Your Excellency

address to His Excellency in answer to His Message of the 20th Janry. last about Barrack Necessaries for soldiers

This House having taken into their serious consideration Your Excellencys message of the 20th Janr[y] together with the extract from Captain Phillips letter beg leave in answer thereto to acquaint Your Excellency that this House hath ever been and still are desirous of manifesting their Loyalty duty and Affection to their most Gracious Sovereign and their respect for the British Parliament, Yet they humbly conceive that their complying with the requisition contained in your Excellencys message, would be a Violation of the Trust reposed in them by their Constituents and founding a precedent they by no means think themselves justifiable in introducing

It is with regret that the House find themselves under the Necessity of disagreeing to any measure recommended by Your Excellency and hope that their past Conduct has convinced You of their readiness to comply in whatever might conduce to the ease and well being of Your Government consistent with the duty they Owe their Constituents

ORDERED That M[r] Speaker do sign the said Address—

And He signed it accordingly

presented and The Governors answer thereto

ORDERED That Mr Smith and Mr Gibbons do wait on the Governor with the said address, they being returned reported that His Excellency was pleased to say, that as it was his duty to lay the matter before the House, so it will be to transmit their proceedings thereupon to His Majestys Ministers and which he shall do by the first Opportunity—

Bill to prevent Malignant distempers &ca. read the first time.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the bringing into and spreading of malignant and contagious distempers in this Province, to Oblige Masters and Commanders of Vessells going out of any port within the same first to produce a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief, to prevent harbouring of Sick Sailors and others and for the regulating and well ordering the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee reported that they had prepared the same, which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday February 19th 1767

Further commitment of the Estimate

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Estimate of the Necessary charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year commencing the Twenty Ninth of September 1766 and ending the Twenty Ninth September 1767 and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Vincent from the Committee reported that they had gone through the same and come to several resolutions which he read in his place and afterwards delivered them

report thereon.

in at the Table where they were again read and agreed to by the House.

Report of the Committee of Conference

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the upper House in a Conference on the amendment made by them to the Bill intituled an Act "for the establishing a ferry from the Town of Ebenezer to the Opposite Bluff upon the river Savannah and for vesting the same in Martin Dasher his Exors Admors and Assigns for and during the Term of Seven years" reported that the Committee of the upper House did not recede from their amendments but would report the result of the said Conference to the Upper House—

ORDERED That the Clerk do to morrow morning satisfy the House wherefore he has not Obeyed their order of the 22d Febry 1765 requiring the minutes to be fairly entered in the Journal Book of the House.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday February 20th 1767

Committee of Ways and means.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to consider of Ways and means for raising and Granting to His Majesty the sum of One thousand eight Hundred and Forty three pounds Eleven shillings and four pence three farthings for defraying the Expences of Government for the ensuing Year.—

Appointed

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houston and Mr Simpson be a Committee for that purpose

The order of the day being read respecting the Clerk

It was ordered to be adjourned over till monday next.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday February 21st 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till monday morning Ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday February 23d 1767

Bill for Limitation of Actions act. ordered

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for Limitation of Actions and avoiding suits in Law.

ORDERED That Mr Milledge and Mr Simpson be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Petition of Robert Watts shipbuilder

A Petition of Robert Watts ship Builder was presented to the House and read Setting forth that the Petitioner has endeavoured to get a proper place for fixing his ship Yard but to no purpose and having purchased a Low water lot below the Common of Savannah near Yamacraw prayed that he might have upon lease such a part of the high land above the said lot and for such number of Years as to the House shoud appear reasonable for the purpose of erecting Sheds and Buildings for carrying on His Bussiness—

ORDERED That the Petition do lye on the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House.

Bill for Limitation of Actions act. read the first time—

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Limitation of Actions and avoiding suits in Law reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

The Clerk of the House called upon

The order of the day being read for the Clerk to shew cause to the House wherefore the Minutes are not entered in the Journal Book he informed the House that His ill state of Health had prevented his compleating the same and prayed the House would be pleased to indulge him with a further space of time for that purpose—

Order to the Clerk to enter the Minutes and

Committee appointed to examine the same

ORDERED That the Clerk do enter the minutes and proceedings of this House from the 1st Febry 1762 to this time including those of the present Session by the 1st of October next that Mr Jones, Mr Simpson, Sir Patrick Houston, Mr Johnson, Mr Smith, Mr Ewen and Mr Milledge do examine and compare the same with the Original Minutes.

Bill to prevent Contagious distempers read a Second time

The Bill to prevent the Bringing into and spreading of malignant and contagious distempers in this Province to Oblige Masters and Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce a Passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief, to prevent the Harbouring such sailors and others, and for the regulating and well ordering the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee was read a Second time.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Bill under consideration—

The House resolved itself into a Committee accord-

and Committed

ingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Burrington from the Committee reported that they had made some progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned till to-Morrow morning Nine of the Clock –

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday February 24th 1767

further commitment of the said Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to Consider "the Bill to prevent the bringing into and spreading of malignant and Contagious distempers in this Province, to Oblige Masters and Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce a Passport from the Governor or Commander (sic) Chief, to prevent the Harbouring of Sick Sailors and others and for the regulating and well ordering the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee." After some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Burrington from the Committee reported that they had made some further progress therein and that He was directed to move for leave to sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday Febr^{y} 25th 1767.

Further Commitment of the said Bill

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider "the Bill to prevent the Bringing into and spreading of malignant and Contagious distempers in this Province to Oblige Masters and Commanders of Vessells going out of any Port within the same first to produce a Passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief, to prevent the Harbouring of Sick Sailors and others—and for the regulating and well ordering of the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee" After some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Burrington from the Committee reported that they had gone through the same and made several amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House—

and report

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

report of the Committee of Ways and means

Sir Patrick Houston from the Committee appointed to consider of ways and means for raising and Granting to His Majesty the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty three pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence three farthings for defraying the Expenses of this Government for the Current year reported that they had considered the same and come to a resolution which he read in His place and afterwards delivered it at the Table where it was again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill for

The Bill ordered.

raising and Granting to His Majesty the sum of One thousand Eight Hundred and forty three pounds Eleven shillings and four pence three farthings for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1767 to be raised at certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and that Mr Ewen and Mr Smith to (sic) Prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday Febry 26th 1767

Tax Bill presented and read the first time

Mr Ewen (according to order) from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Granting to His Majesty the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty three pounds Eleven shillings and four pence three farthings for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the year 1767 to be raised at certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

Bill to continue several Laws read the first time.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue several Laws of this Province which are near expiring reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a second time

Bill for laying a duty on Seasoned Negroes ordered

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill for laying a duty on Seasoned Negroes

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Bill for limitation of Actions &c. read a Second time

The Bill intituled an Act for the Limitation of Actions and avoiding suits in Law was read a Second time.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to (sic) the said Bill under consideration

and Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

report

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday February 27th 1767

The Bill for Limitation of Actions &c. read the third time

The Bill intituled an Act for the Limitation of Actions and for avoiding suits in Law was read a third time.

and passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houston do carry the Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Bill to continue several Laws read a Second time

The Bill intituled an Act to continue the several Laws of this Province which are near expiring was read a Second time and ordered to be read a third time.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday Febr^{y} 28th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday morning Ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday March 2^{d} 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday March 3^{d} 1767

read the third time

The Bill intituled an Act for Continuing several Laws of this province which are near expiring was read a third time.

and passed.

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houston do carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Tax Bill read the Second time

The Bill intituled an Act for Granting to His Majesty the sum of One thousand seven Hundred and forty three pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence three farthings for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the year 1767 to be raised at certain rates therein mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears was read a Second time.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said Bill under consideration.

and Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly After some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the said Bill and made some amendments thereto which He read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

Bill to prevent Contagious distempers &c. read a third time

The Bill intituled an Act to prevent the Bringing into and spreading of Malignant and Contagious distempers in this province to Oblige Masters and Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce a passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief, to prevent the Harbouring of Sick sailors and others and for the regulating and well Ordering the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee was read a third time.

and passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do Carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Bill for laying a duty on Negroes read the First time

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying a duty on Negroes or other Slaves that have been above Six months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for sale in this Province and for appropriating the same towards the repairing or rebuilding of The light House upon Tybee Island reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time —

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday March 4th 1767

Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah whose names were thereunto subscribed was presented to the House and read Setting forth. That by divers Acts of the General Assembly of this province formerly made and very lately expired, the Male white Inhabitants of the said Town (except such as was therein excepted) with their Male Slaves from the age of Sixteen years to Sixty were Obliged to work on the said town and Common thereunto belonging, under the fines and penalties therein inflicted, that by an Act passed in the year 1760 one fourth part of the Fines were appropriated towards Keeping in repair the Publick Wells then sunk in the said town as well as for sinking others that might be thought Necessary by the Commissioners therein appointed. That by an Act passed in the Year 1766 and now in force, The Town and Common of Savannah The Trustees Gardens

and all the settlements to the Eastward of Musgroves Creek, Yamacraw and Ewensburgh is distinguished and called the Town Division, and that all the male white Inhabitants (except such as are therein excepted) free Negroes and Mulattoes and all the male Slaves within the said Town from the age of Sixteen to Sixty years are declared liable to work within the said division as in and by the said Act directed under the penalty of two Shillings ℔ day for Neglecting or refusing to perform such work, which penalties are for the sinking and repairing such Wells as may be thought Necessary by the Commissioners aforesaid. That the Petitioners humbly conceive that the working on the said town and Common and the fines and penalties inflicted on Defaulters to be a most Grievous Tax without any advantage derived therefrom That the Petitioners are for the most part Artificers and Tradesmen, that they have several Apprentices, and Journeymen hired at very high wages who they could not spare from their daily Labour without great detriment and prejudice— they were therefore Obliged to submit to the Fines imposed, and that some of the Petitioners have paid four pounds a Year and upwards, That the Petitioners are humbly of Opinion that the fines imposed and appropriated are more than sufficient to defray the expence of sinking and repairing the Publick wells, and that they have never been Kept in any tolerable repair for a long time past and are entirely useless, but that if the fines had been duly applied the same had effectually been done before this time, That by an Act passed last session of the General Assembly, the Church Wardens and Vestry were impowered to appoint a Beadle to take care that the Streets Squares and Lanes of the said town be kept clean, they are therefore of Opinion that the work upon the said Town is now become unnecessary That the Petitioners think there can be no Occasion to Oblige the Inhabitants of the said town to work upon the Common, for that they

are daily Grubbing up the Stumps and roots and in a small space of time the whole will be cleared of Course—

The Petitioners therefore humbly Pray that so much of the Act passed last sessions as relates to the Obliging the Inhabitants to work on the said town and Common may be repealed— or that the Petitioners may be otherwise relieved in the premises as to the Honorable House shall seem meet.

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take the said petition under Consideration

The House resolves into a Committee upon the said Petition

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had examined the matter of the said Petition and come to a resolution which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Petition with the resolution in at the Table where the resolution was again read and is as follows

Resolution thereupon

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of your Committee that leave be given to bring in a Bill agreeable to the prayer of the said Petition—

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said resolution

Bill to amend the road Act ordered.

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intitled an Act to empower the Surveyors therein named to lay out Publick roads in the Province of Georgia and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several roads already laid out and also the several rivers and Creeks within their several respective divisions—

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Mr Milledge be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Ordinance appointing Charles Garth Esqr. Agent ordered

Motion was made for leave to bring in an Ordinance to appoint Charles Garth Esqr Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain

The question was put it passed in the affirmative.

ORDERED That Mr Vincent and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Ordinance—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday March 5th 1767.

Bill for laying a duty on Negroes read the third time and passed

The Bill intituled an Act for laying a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have been six months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for sale in this Province was read a third time

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houston do carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Bill to amend the road Act read the first time

Doctor Jones from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend "an Act intituled an Act to impower the Several Commissioners or Surveyors therein named to lay out and make such Publick roads in the Province of Georgia as are therein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several roads already laid out and also the Rivers and Creeks within their several and respective

divisions" so far as the same respects the male white Inhabitants within the Town division therein ascertained reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.—

Tax Bill read the third time and

The Bill intituled an Act for Granting to His Majesty the sum of One thousand Eight Hundred and forty three pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence three farthings for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year 1767 to be raised at certain rates and after the method therein mentioned & for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears was read the third time.

passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Ordinance appointing Charles Garth Esqr. Agent read the first time.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance appointing Charles Garth Esqr agent to sollicit the Affairs of this province in Great Britain reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock..

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday March 6th 1767

The House (sic) according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday March 7th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till monday morning Ten O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday March 9th 1767

Ordinance appointing Charles Garth Esqr. Agent read the second time.

The Ordinance appointing Charles Garth Esqr Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain was read a Second time and ordered to be read a third time—

Bill to amend the road Act read a Second time.

The Bill intituled an Act to amend "an Act to impower the several Commissioners or Surveyors thereafter named to lay out and make such Publick roads in the province of Georgia as therein after mentioned and directed and continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several roads already laid out and also the rivers and Creeks within their several and respective divisions " so far as the same respects the Male white Inhabitants within the Town division therein ascertained was read a Second time and ordered to be read a third time

the same read a third time and

Motion was made that the said Bill be now read a third time And the same was read accordingly

passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday March 10th 1767

Ordinance appointing Charles Garth Esqr. Agent read the third time

The Ordinance appointing Charles Garth Esqr agent to sollicit the Affairs of this province in Great Britain was read a third time

and passed.

RESOLVED That the Ordinance do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Smith do carry the Ordinance to the upper House and desire their concurrence thereto—

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday March 11th 1767

Message from the Upper House.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

That the upper House had agreed to a Bill intituled An Act to prevent the stealing of Horses and Neat Cattle and for the effectual discovery and punishment of such Persons as shall unlawfully brand mark Kill or drive away the same

and Also to the Bill intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners therein named to erect a Lazaretto and a House for the Keeper thereof upon the Island of Tybee and to receive from the Treasurer or Powder receiver of this Province a sum not exceeding Three Hundred pounds to defray the expence thereof and to impower the said Treasurer to repay the same with some amend-

ments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House—

The House taking into Consideration the Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery of this day particularly that part thereof respecting the Bill for building a Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee—

Resolution upon the said Message

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this House that the upper House hath acted contrary to the Known and established custom and usage of Assembly in returning the said Bill (which they consider as a money Bill) to this House with any amendment this House nevertheless considering the expediency and utility of the said Bill resolve on this occasion to wave their undoubted privilege by sending a Message to the Upper House upon the subject matter of the amendments made to the said Bill

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the following Message to the upper House

Commons House of Assembly
March 11th 1767.

Message to the Upper House.

[For transcript of Message desiring conference on Lazaretto Bill see the Upper House 11 March 1767]

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday March 12th 1767

Message from the Upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery That they had agreed to the Bill for continuing several Laws of this Province which are near expiring with out any Amendments And also that the Upper House had agreed to the Bill entituled an Act to amend an Act to empower the several Commissioners or Surveyors thereafter Named to lay out and make such Publick roads in the Province of Georgia as are therein after mentioned and directed and to continue to work upon clear repair and improve the several roads already laid out and also the rivers and Creeks within their several respective divisions so far as the same respects the Male white Inhabitants within the Town Division therein ascertained, with some amendments to which they desired the concurrence of this House. And also that the Upper House in Answer to a Message from this House of Yesterday desiring a Conference on the subject matter of the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill for Erecting a Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee, did agree to the said Conference and had appointed the same to be in the Council Chamber immediately

And answer to the Message of this House

Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House

ORDERED That Mr Simpson Mr Milledge and Mr Ewen be a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House in a Conference on the Amendments made to the said Bill who being returned Mr Simpson reported that they had agreed to the said amendments

Report of the Committee

agreed to

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said report

Motion was made that an humble Address be presented

Address to the Governor for dissolving the Assembly ordered

to the Governor to desire He will be pleased to dissolve the General Assembly as soon as may be Convenient before the usual time of meeting in the ensuing fall—

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare the same

Bill to amend the Patrole Law ordered

Motion was made for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Patrole Law—

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Johnston be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

said Bill read the first time.

Mr Ewen from the said Committee reported that they had prepared the same which was received and read the first and ordered not to be read a Second time—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday March 13th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday March 14th 1767.

The House met according to adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday morning Ten O Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday March 16th 1767

Message from the Upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery. That they had agreed to the Bill for laying a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have been Six Months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported for sale in this Province, and also to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent bringing into and spreading of Malignant and Contagious distempers in this province to Oblige Masters and Commanders of Vessels going out of any Port within the same first to produce a Passport from the Governor or Commander in Chief to prevent harbouring sick Sailors and others and for the regulating and well ordering the Lazaretto upon the Island of Tybee with several amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House

The House took into Consideration the said amendments and agreed thereto—

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Twesday March 17th 1767

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine O'Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday March 18th 1767

Message from the Upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery— That they had agreed to "the Bill intituled an Act to Impower the Commissioners therein named to put up to sale for the Benefit of the Public the Ferry over Great Ogechee river at a place called Pine Bluff for a term of Four Years and to authorize the Commissioners to inspect and regulate the said Ferry during the said term" with some Amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House—

The House took under Consideration the said amendments and

RESOLVED That this House doth disagree to the said amendments

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery Vizt

Upper House of Assembly March 18th 1767

another Message from the same

Mr Speaker

There being an article or two in the Tax Bill that in the Opinion of this House requires your reconsideration, they therefore desire a Conference with your House thereon

That this House will take the said Message into consideration to morrow morning

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday March 19th 1767

The Committee appointed to join a Committee of the upper House to prepare Petitions to the King &ca. report

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the Upper House to prepare Petitions to the King, Lords and, Commons reported they had prepared the same which was received and read

and agreed to by the House

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said report

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the said Petitions to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The House according to the order of the day took under consideration the Message from the Upper House of yesterday. And

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons do carry the following Message to the Upper House—

Common House of Assembly March 19th 1767

Answer to the Message from the upper House

[For transcript of Message refusing conference on Tax Bill see Journl of Upper House March 19 1767.]

Message from the upper House

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery. That they had agreed "to the Bill intituled An Act for Granting to His Majesty the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty three pounds Eleven Shillings and four pence three farthings to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears" without any Amendments.

The Address to the Governor desiring He would

[The following Address is written on a sheet of paper inserted so as to face the paragraphs on the opposite page]

To His Excellency James Wright Esq[r] Captain General an [(sic)] Governor in Chief of His Majestys Province of Georgia

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it Please Your Excellency

Address to His Excellency the Governor for a dissolution—

The Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that this present Assembly having done the Business of three Years, and there being no provision made in the Election Law for limiting its duration are therefore under the Necessity of earnestly requesting Your Excellency to dissolve the General Assembly as soon as may be Convenient before the usual time of meeting in the ensuing Fall, as it would be highly detrimental to many of the Members if they were Obliged to give their attendance during any Longer Period.

By order of the House

Commons House of Assembly March 20th 1767

be pleased to dissolve the Assembly before the usual time of meeting in the ensuing Fall was presented and read—

RESOLVED That this House will take the same under consideration to morrow morning—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday March 20th 1767

The House (according to the order of the day) took under consideration the address to the Governor desiring He would be pleased to dissolve the Assembly before the usual time of meeting in the Fall and Agreed thereto—

The address to the Governor for a dissolution of the Assembly presented to His Excellency

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Barnard wait on His Excellency the Governor therewith who being returned reported that His Excellency was pleased to say He would send the House an Answer in half an hour.

The Petitions to the King &ca. presented and Agreed to

The Petitions to the King, Lords and Commons was presented to the House and read, as also an Address to the Governor desireing he would back them with his Interest, and agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do Carry the same to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Message from the upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery. That they had agreed to the said Petitions without amendments. And also that they had agreed to the address to the Governor with some amendments to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

The House took under Consideration the said amendments and ordered that Mr Barnard carry the following Message to the Upper House

Commons House of Assembly March 20th 1767

Message to the upper House in Answer

[For Transcript of Message desiring conference on amendments to address see the Upper House March 20. 1767.]

Answer from the Upper House

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery That they had agreed to the Conference proposed by this House and had appointed the same to be in the room adjoining the Council Chamber immediately.

ORDERED That Mr Mullryne, Mr Tatnall, Mr Vincent, Mr Ewen, and Mr Vincent be a Committee to join a Committee of the Upper House therein.

Committee of Conference report—

Mr Mullryne from the said Committee reported, that the Gentlemen appointed to join them by the upper House said they would report the result of the said Conference to their House and send an Answer—

Message from the upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery That they adhered to the amendment made to the aforesaid Address

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery. Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Message from His Excellency in answer to the last address

As it always gives me pleasure to have it in my power to gratify the Assembly in any application they may make, I am sorry to receive one in which I think I ought not to do it, because I cannot see any reasonable or sufficient Cause for your desiring to be dissolved so soon. You have not yet been Kept above two Years and four

months the last Assembly made no application for a dissolution till they had sat and done the Business of Four Sessions This House has only done that of three and may finish a fourth session by the time it has continued three Years and one Month. And if you have found any inconvenience from the length of the Sessions you have only yourselves to Blame, as its very clear to me that was the Bussiness properly dispatched no Session need continue above Six or Seven weeks at the most which can be no great Burthen or Inconvenience to any Member and therefore I cannot think of dissolving the present Assembly yet

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah 20th March 1767

Message from the Upper House

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery, that they had appointed a Committee to examine the engrossed Bills for the Governors Assent

ORDERED That Mr Jones and Mr Simpson be a Committee to join the Committee of the upper House therein.

Message from His Excellency

Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Gentlemen

The House adjourned

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly untill Thursday the Twenty Sixth day of this instant March, then to meet for the dispatch of Bussiness, and it is accordingly adjourned to the Twenty sixth day of this instant.

Given under my hand at Savannah this 20th day of March 1767

JA: WRIGHT

To the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday March 26th 1767

The House met according to adjournment

Petitions to His Majesty and both houses of Parliament ordered

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to draw up Petitions to His Majesty and both Houses of Parliament respecting the scarcity of Paper Currency in this Province—

ORDERED That Mr Ewen and Mr Mullryne be a Committee to prepare the same

Mr Ewen from the said Committee reported they had prepared the said Petitions which were received and read in the words following Vizt—

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Petition of the Commons House of Assembly of His Majesty's Province of Georgia

Most humbly Sheweth

Petition to the Kings most Excellent Majesty

That your Petitioners relying on the repeated and signal Proofs of Your Majesty's Regard for the wellfare of your Subjects however remote, Beg leave with all humility to represent to your Majesty that in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one Your Majesty was graciously pleased to confirm in Council an Act passed by the Legislature of this Province intituled an "Act for stamping, imprinting issuing, and making Current the sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds Sterling in paper Bills of Credit and for applying and sinking the same."

That at the time the said Act was passed the Province

was emerging from the many disadvantages it had long laboured under and with difficulty struggled thro' and its situation with respect to the number of Inhabitants and Commerce was such that the said sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds was deemed sufficient for the use of the said Province.

That by the extraordinary increase of Colonists and the present improved state of Trade, Your Petitioners are daily furnished with proofs that the said sum is very insufficient to answer the necessary demands of Individuals and a proper medium in Commerce, And His Excellency our Governor being restrained by an Act of Parliament passed in the Fourth year of Your Majesty's most auspicious reign Intituled "an Act to prevent Paper Bills of Credit hereafter to be issued in any of His Majestys Colonies or Plantations in America from being a legal tender in payments of money and to prevent the legal tender of such Bills, as are now subsisting from being prolonged beyond the Periods limited for calling in and sinking the same" from passing any Bill for encreasing the amount of the Currency in the said Province therefore most humbly pray your most sacred Majesty taking their case under consideration will graciously please to Grant them such relief therein as to your Royal wisdom shall seem meet.

And Your Petitioners as in duty Bound shall ever pray &c[a]

(sic)

To the Right Honorable the Lords spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled

The Humble Petition of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia—

Sheweth,

Petition to the Rt. Honble the Lords spiritual and temporal in Parliament Assembled

That in the Year one thousand seven Hundred and Sixty one (sic) was graciously pleased to confirm in Council an Act passed by the General Assembly of the said Province intituled "an Act for imprinting Stamping issuing and making Current the sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds Sterling in paper Bills of Credit and for applying and sinking the same" at that time the small number of Inhabitants the Infant state of the Colony and its commerce considered was thought would fully answer the End of a Transfer or Currency—

That from the Great increase of Trade and the additional number of Inhabitants since the time the said sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds is found to be greatly unequal to the wants of Individuals much less to the proportion it should hold with the produce of the Province, And the "Act of Parliament of Great Britain passed in the fourth year of His present Majestys reign intituled an "Act to prevent Paper Bills of Credit hereafter to be issued in any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America from being a legal tender in payments of money and to prevent the Legal tender of such Bills as we are now subsisting from being prolonged beyond the Periods limited for calling in and sinking the same" effectualy preventing His Excellency our Governor from giving his Assent to any Act for issuing Additional Bills of Credit Your Petitioners therefore hope that Your Lordships taking the Premisses under your serious Consideration will Grant such redress as will effectually relieve Your Petitioners therein—

And Your Petitioners shall ever pray &c^t (sic)

To the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of Great Britain in Parliament Assembled

The Petition of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia.

Humbly Sheweth/

Petition To the Knights Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament assembled

That His most Gracious Majesty was pleased in the year One thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One to confirm in Council an Act passed by the General Assembly of the said Province intituled an "Act for stamping imprinting and issuing and making Current the sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds Sterling in paper Bills of Credit and for applying and sinking the same" a Sum which the then Infant State of the Province both in Improvement and Trade considered was thought sufficient to answer every purpose of a Transfer therein.

That the Commerce of the said Province being since improved to a degree exceeding our most sanguine hopes and the number of Inhabitants also much increased the Natural consequence is that the said sum of Seven thousand four Hundred and Ten pounds is extremely inadequate to the wants of Individuals and the Necessary purpose of a medium in Trade by which the Province in General but more especially those Persons engaged in Business suffer daily and Great inconveniencies a Continuance of which will unavoidably Affect the Credit of the whole.

That the Act of Parliament of Great Britain passed in the fourth Year of His Majestys (sic) intituled "an Act to prevent paper Bills of Credit hereafter to be issued in any of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America from being a Legal tender of payments in money and to prevent the legal tender of such Bills as are now subsisting from being prolonged beyond the Periods limited for Calling in and sinking the same" effectually debarring

His Excellency our Governor from giving His Assent to any Act for increasing the amount of the Bills of Credit current in the said Province, Your Petitioners beg leave to lay their Case before Your Honorable House and humbly hope the taking the same under your most serious Consideration You will grant such redress as will effectually relieve Your Petitioners in the Premisses.

And Your Petitioners will ever Pray &c[a]

RESOLVED That this House doth agree thereto—

ORDERED That M[r] Speaker do sign the said Petitions and he signed the same accordingly—

The said Petitions to be transmitted by a Committee to Charles Garth Esqr. agent for this province.

Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to transmit the said Petitions to Charles Garth Esq[r] Agent for this Province and that they do give him such directions and Instructions respecting the same as may be Necessary and also that the said Committee do instruct M[r] Garth to use His utmost Endeavours to Obtain His Majesty's confirmation of an Act of the Assembly passed the twenty second day of March One thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty five intituled "An Act for the better strengthening and settling of this Province by Compelling the several persons who claim to hold Lands within the same under any Grant or Grants from His Majesty witnessed by the Governor of South Carolina to bring or send into this Province a number of White persons or Negroes in proportion to the Lands they Claim to hold agreable to His Majesty's Royal instructions for Granting Lands and to cultivate and improve the same and for the better ascertaining the said several Tracts of Lands by regulating the Surveys and marking the Lines thereof and recording the several Platts in the Surveyor General's Office also for registering and doc-

queting such Grants in the other proper Offices in this Province."

The question being put thereon it passed in the affirmative,

Committee appointed for that purpose

RESOLVED That the Honble Alexander Wylly Esqr Mr Mullryne, Mr Smith, Mr Ewen, Mr Tatnell, M Vincent and Doct^r Jones be a Committee for that purpose and that the Power by this resolution Given shall Continue in full force during the recess of the House untill withdrawn by this or some other House of Representatives—

Committee to apply for the salary in the Tax Bill to Charles Garth Esqr.— and remit it to him—

ORDERED That the Committee of Correspondence do upon receipt of advice from Charles Garth Esqr that He will transact the Business of this Province in Great Britain apply for and remit him the sum provided as his Salary in the Tax Bill—

The House is informed of the reduction of the rangers.

The House being informed that the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in America had sent orders to reduce the Troops of rangers now doing duty in this Province by which means Fort George on the Island of Cockspur will be evacuated and the purpose of many wholesome Laws of this Province defeated. Motion was made that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor that he would be pleased to use such means as is in His power to replace the said Garrison by a detachment of His Majesty's Troops now doing duty in this Province.

Address ordered to be presented to His Excelly on that Occasion.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Barnard be a Committee to prepare the said Address—

Mr Simpson from the Committee reported they had prepared the said Address which was presented to the House and read in the Words following—

To His Excellency James Wright Esq[r] Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the same

May it please your Excellency

Address to His Excelly about Garrisoning Fort George

This House being informed that the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's forces in America has sent orders for the reduction of the Troops of rangers doing duty in this Province and the House taking the same into consideration cannot help being concerned that the Fort on Cockspur Island by that means will be evacuated and the intention of many wholesome Laws in this Province defeated, The House therefore requests that Your Excellency will use such means as may be in Your power to have that Garrison replaced by a detachment of His Majestys Troops now in this province, And the House takes this Opportunity to acquaint Your Excellency that they have come to a resolution to allow each Commissioned Officer at the rate of One shilling and each Non commissioned Officer and Private man of the said Troops at the rate of two pence per diem doing actual duty in this Province

RESOLVED That this House doth agree thereto

ORDERED That M[r] Speaker do sign the said Address and He signed the same accordingly

The address presented to His Excellency

ORDERED That M[r] Simpson and M[r] Barnard do wait on His Excellency therewith who being returned reported "That His Excellency was pleased to say in answer to the first part of the address, that it was what he could by no means comply with, that there was only an Officer and Thirteen men at Augusta and that had the number been Twenty He could not think of withdrawing that Garrison Augusta being a frontier the In-

habitants were not only liable to the Insults of the Indians but also to those of a parcel of people commonly called Crackers, a set of Vagabonds often as bad or worse than the Indians themselves, That there was only a Corporal and five or Six men at Frederica but His Excellency believed only six in the whole, that Captain Fuser had wrote to him from Charles Town proposing that those men at Frederica might be withdrawn from thence and added to the Command at Augusta, That His Excellency had wrote Captain Fuser that He had reasons why that could not be done and that the same reasons still existed.

And his answer thereto—

His Excellency was pleased further to say that He would as soon as possible use his Influence with General Gage to get an Officer and Twenty men to Garrison Fort George on Cockspur Island but in the mean time none of His Majesty's Troops in this province could be spared to go there for the reasons already given—

To the last part of the address His Excellency was pleased to say that the resolution mentioned in the address could not take effect but to make it compleat it would be necessary to have the Concurrence of the Upper House as was usual in such cases and after that a request to him by both Houses that he would order the Treasurer to issue the monies out of any in his hands not immediately wanted

His Excellency was pleased further to say that no monies could be issued by the Treasurer without the Assent and order of the Governor and Council and it could not be imagined that the Council would give their Assent to the issuing this money when they found themselves in this matter slighted and Neglected—

RESOLVED That this House will provide a Sum not

Resolution that the House will provide a Certain sum for His Majesty's troops doing Actual duty in this province

exceeding One Hundred and Ninety one pounds Twelve Shillings and Six pence to be paid to the Officers and Soldiers of One Company of His Majestys Troops now doing duty in this Province, In the following proportions Viz^{t}—To each Commissioned Officer One Shilling to each Non commissioned Officer and private Man (doing duty in this province proof thereof being made upon Oath before any of His Majesty's Justice of the Peace of the Parish where such Troops are in Garrison) Two pence per diem for the Term of One Year to commence from the first day of April next

Motion was made that a Message be sent to the upper House desiring their Concurrence with this House in the said resolution.

The Question was put and it passed in the Negative.

A Message from the Governor

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery—

Mr Speaker

His Excellency the Governor requires the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately—

His Excellency gives His Assent to several Acts

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House attended His Excellency in the Council Chamber where His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Bills following Viz^{t}—

[The Acts here enumerated are the same as in the Journal of the Upper House, same date, 26 March) but here they are differently arranged & the "Act for laying a Duty upon Negroes &^{c}" ends at "Lighthouse on Tybee Island"]

And afterwards His Excellency was pleased to pro-

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rogue the Assembly to Twesday the thirteenth day of June next—

A true Copy examined with the Original Journal—

℘ JOHN SIMPSON Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

GEORGIA.

Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly from 26 Octr 1767 to 11 April 1768.

In Govr Wright's
Letter of 8 June 1768.

Great Seal taken off by S. B.

Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of his Majesties Province of Georgia, a True Copy from the Original Journals

Examined—

HENRY KEALL C. D. C.

Journal of the Commons House of Assembly—

Journal of the proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the Sixth Session of the Fifth General Assembly of the Said province met according to proclamation at the Town of Savannah on Monday the Twenty Sixth day of October in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Seven—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday October 26th 1767—

The House met According to Proclamation and then Adjourned tell tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday October 27th 1767—

Message from the Governor

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery which Mr Speaker Read to the House in the following Words Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

Having lately received Letters from the Earl of Shelburne his Majesties principal Secretary of State for the Southern department, has obliged me to call you together a little earlier than I should otherwise have done, But Gentlemen I am to Acquaint you that his Majesty expects and requires that you will render an exact and Complete obedience in all respects what ever to the Terms of the Meeting Act and I am Commanded without delay in his Majesties Name to require that you will make those provisions for the Supply of the Kings Troops which by that Act you are directed to do—Give me leave Gentlemen (not merely as Governor but from a Sincere and Zealous wish for the happiness and prosperity of the people and province) to exhort you in the warmest and Strongest manner to a Cheerfull and Speedy Compliance with this Requisition let me entreat you Cooly and Seriously to Consider the duty we owe to the best of Kings the Gratitude due to the British Legislature for the Peculiar favours and benefits bestowed on us and the protection

we receive from the Mother Country and which alone it is that must or can preserve or secure to us our True liberty our property and everything that is or ought to be dear and valuable to us, These and other Considerations that must occur I hope will prove powerfull Incentives and that the prudent Conduct of this Session will set us in that Light with our Most gracious Sovereign which I am perswaded you as well as myself wisn to appear in—

JA WRIGHT.

Council Chamber Savannah in Georgia the 27th October 1767

Order thereon—

ORDERED That his Excellencys Message do lie upon the Table to be perused by the Members of this House—

John Simpson Esqr appointed Clerk of this House—

The House being informed that John Simpson Esquire was appointed Clerk of this House in the room of Thomas Burrington Esqr deceased

his appointment Read

ORDERED That the appointment of Mr Simpson to be Clerk of this House be produced and he Accordingly delivered his Commission from his Excellency the Governor to Mr Speaker who read it to the House Then the Clerk desired that he may have leave to appoint a Deputy or Assistant in Cases of Sickness or absence—

and that he have leave to appoint a deputy

RESOLVED That the Clerk have leave to appoint such deputy to be approved of by the House and that his said deputy do take the Oath of office before his Excellency the Governor, then the Clerk acquainted the House that he proposed Mr John Morris as his deputy and assistant who was approved of by the House.—

Ordered that a Message be sent to the Governor for issuing Writs of Election for Four Members

ORDERED That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor desiring he will be pleased to give Orders for issuing Writs of Election for Four members Vizt One for the Town of Savannah and parish of

Christ Church to elect a representative in the room of Thomas Vincent Esquire deceased, One for Halifax and Parish of Saint George to elect a representative in the room of Thomas Burrington Esquire deceased, One for the Town of Augusta and parish of Saint Paul to erect a Representative in the room of Thomas Waters Esquire who has by his Letter to this House requested that his Seat might be vacated having removed out of the Province, And One for the Town of Frederica and parish of Saint James to elect a representative in the room of John Simpson Esquire who is appointed Clerk of this House—

The said Address being prepared

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Jones do wait on His Excellency therewith—

A Message from the Governor

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery who delivered the same and Acquainted the House that his Excellency desired that it might be considered on a future day vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Upon the reduction of the Rangers Fort George the Key of our Province and which Commands obedience to the Laws of Trade and to some of our most Salutary provincial Laws was evacuated but as it appeared to me to be a Matter of Great Concern to the welfare of the people, I did with the advice of his Majesties Council appoint a Captain and Ordered Ten Men to be inlisted to do the Necessary duty of that Command—I have already paid Captain Simpson for Three Months for himself and the men from the 8th of May to the Eighth of August £90 and £4 .. 18 .. 8 to Two Men who were ordered to take care of the Fort from the time of disbanding the Rangers to the 8th of May and there will be Three months

pay due to Captain Powell who now has the Command there on the 8th of Next Month Amounting to £90 Stg more which I shall likewise Pay but Must acquaint you that unless you think proper to Provide for the Expense of this Command I shall discontinue it from the 8th of Next Month

JA: WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
Council Chamber
October 27th 1767—

Order thereon

ORDERED That the Said Message to lie upon the Table to be Perused by the Members of this House

ORDERED That there be a Call of this House on Thursday Next—

And then the House Adjourned tell to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday Octor 28th 1768.

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday Octor 29th 1768

The call of the House.

Several members absent.

The Order of the day being Read for a Call of the House, the House was called over Accordingly and the Names of Mr Baillie, Mr Butler, and Mr Bourquin being called over they did not appear but the House was in-

their excuse— formed that they were detained from their attendance on the duty of this House by reason of Sickness—

the same admitted RESOLVED That the excuse made for these Gentlemen be Admitted—

Mr. McIntosh absent Then the name of Mr McIntosh was called over and he not making his appearance nor any excuse made for his Nonattendance it was

Order thereon ORDERED That the Clerk do write Mr McIntosh by Express that the House requires his immediate attendance and that Mr McIntosh do pay the Expence of the Said Letter and express—

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration His Excellency the Governor's first Message of Tuesday last

The House resolves into a Committee on the Governor's Message— The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Gibbons from the Committee Reported that they had taken his Excellencys Message into Consideration and Come to a Resolution. which he read in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the Same was read in the words following Vizt

Resolution thereon RESOLVED That it is the opinion of this Committee that a Sum not exceeding £200. Sterling be provided for Supplying His Majestys Troops doing duty in this province with the following Articles Vizt

Firewood, Candles, Vinegar (sic) and Salt, Bedding— Utensils for dressing their victuals, Small Beer or Cyder not exceeding Five pints, or half a pint of Rum or in lieu thereof Three pence Sterling per diem to each Man re-

spectively and also to defray the Expence of providing Necessary Carriages for the Said Troops on their March through any part of this province and for the hire of Barns or out houses for their Lodgment in such places where no Barracks are and to Continue for One year to Commence 1st November 1767. and to be raised and granted in the Next General Tax Bill.

The House agrees to the Same

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the Said Resolution.

An Address to the Governor—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Message upon the Said Resolution and that Mr Mulryne and Mr Barnard be a Committee for that purpose—

Mr Mulryne reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address in Answer to his Excellencys Message which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Address in at the Table where the same was read in the following Words Vizt

To his Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesties province of Georgia and vice Admiral of the same—

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly—

May it Please your Excellency

The House having taken into Consideration Your Excellencys Message of Tuesday the 27th Instant, beg leave to return in Answer thereto that they have come to a resolution to provide a Sum not exceeding Two Hundred pounds Stg for Supplying his Majestys Troops doing duty in this province with the following Articles Vizt Firewood Candles, Vinegar and Salt, Bedding—Utensils

for dressing their Victuals Small Beer or Cyder not exceeding Five Pints or half a pint of Rum or in lieu thereof three pence St^g per diem to each Man respectively and also to defray the expence of providing Necessary Carriages for the Said Troops on their March through any part of this province and for the hire of Barns and out houses for their Lodgement in such places where no Barracks are to Continue for One year to Commence the first day of November next and to be raised and Granted in the next General Tax Bill—

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the Said Address

ORDERED That the said Address be engrossed—

The said Address being Engrossed.

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do Sign the Said Address And he signed the same Accordingly—

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr William Jones do wait upon his Excellency and present the Said address to Morrow Morning

And then the House adjourned tell to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday October 30th 1767—

Sir Patrick Houston reported that himself and Mr Jones had waited upon his Excellency the Governor (according to order) and presented the address, and that his Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer—Viz^t—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

The Governors Answer thereto

I thank you for this Address in which you declare Your intention and resolution to provide a Sum of Money for furnishing the Several Articles therein Specified and which are directed by the Mutiny Act and I shall not entertain a doubt but that this intention shall be carried into execution in such a Manner as will clearly Shew a full Compliance With his Majesties requisition and obedience to the Said Act—

JA: WRIGHT

his answer for issuing Writs of Election

Sir Patrick Houstoun also reported that his Excellency was pleased to say in answer to the address of this House of Tuesday last that His Excellency would give directions for issuing the Writs therein Mentioned immediately.

a Committee appointed to consider the Governors speech on the day of the last prorogation—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to Consider the Governors speech to this House on the day of the last prorogation and to draw up an Address in Answer thereto and that they do insert in the Said Address Such extracts from the Journals of this House as may enable them to shew that this House did on that day prior to the said prorogation make Such provision as was deemed ample for Supplying his Majestys Troops then Quartered in this province in lieu of Barrack Necessaries and a Committee was appointed Accordingly—

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take his Excellencys Second Message of Tuesday last into Consideration

The House Resolves into a Committee—

and

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after Some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Committee reported that they had taken the Said Message into Consideration and Come to a resolution which

be read in his place and and (sic) afterwards delivered in at the Table where the same was again read in the words following

Resolved

RESOLVED That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of £210 Stg be raised and Granted for the Support of an officer at Ten pounds Sterling ℔ Month and five Men @ 30/ each per Month to Garison Fort George on the Island of Cockspur for 12 Months to Commence the 8th November Next

RESOLVED That this House doth Agree with their Committee in the Said resolution

An Address to the Governor—

RESOLVED That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Second Message of Tuesday last Vizt

To His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesties province of Georgia and Vice Admiral of the Same.

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency.

The House having taken into Consideration Your Excellencys Second Message of Tuesday last beg leave to acquaint your Excellency in Answer thereto that they have come to a Resolution that the Sum of £210 be raised and Granted for the support of an Officer at £10 pr Month and Five Men @ 30/ each pr Month to Garrison Fort George on the Island of Cockspur for 12 Months to Commence the 8th of November Next—

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do Sign the Said Address and he Signed the Same Accordingly

Governors answer thereto—

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Mr Tatnell do wait on his Excellency the Governor and present the Said Address and they Accordingly withdrew and being returned Mr Gibbons reported that his Excellency was pleased to say in Answer that he was very glad that the House would provide for the support of the Command at Fort George as had not that been done he would have been under the necessity of discontinuing it and if so he was affraid it would be attended with disadvantage to the province—

A request to the Governor—

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Mr Tatnell do request his Excellency the Governor will be pleased to furnish this House with a Copy of His Speech made to both Houses at the Close of the last Session of Assembly and Accordingly they withdrew and being returned Mr Gibbons Reported that his Excellency was pleased to say that it was a Verbal Speech and never reduced to Writing and therefore could not furnish any Copy

Notes be made to the Journals of this House.

ORDERED That the Clerk do make Marginal Notes to that part of the Journals which is not done, vizt from the 22^d of October 1759 to the 16th February 1762 and that he do Compose as soon as may be a Complete Index to the whole.

a request to the Governor

ORDERED That Mr Millidge and Mr Johnston do wait on his Excellency the Governor and Acquaint him that this House having no immediate Business before them desire that his Excellency will be pleased to Adjourn the House till after the ensuing Holidays

that a Bill be brought in for enlarging the burial Ground—

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill for enlarging the Burying Ground in the Town of Savannah and parish of Christ Church and that Mr Ewen and Mr Millidge be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same—

The Clerk of (sic) the Crown attend at the door.—

The House being informed, the Clerks of the Crown attended at the door they were called in and at the Bar of the House they delivered in a paper intituled presentments and Orders Made thereon to be laid before the Legislature and then they withdrew and the Title of the Said paper was Read—

ORDERED That the Consideration of the Said paper be postponed.

Message from the Governor—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by Mr Milledge and Mr Johnston.

Gentlemen

I do hereby Adjourn the Commons House of assembly to Monday the Eleventh day of January Next then to meet for the dispatch of Business and it is Accordingly Adjourned to Monday the Eleventh of January next

Given under my Hand at Savannah
this 30th of October 1767—

JAMES WRIGHT

To the Speaker and
Members of the Commons
House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Savannah Monday 11th January 1768

The House met According to Adjournment and then adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 12th January 1768

Several Members qualify—

Archibald Bullock Esqr Elected and returned to serve in General Assembly Representative for the Town of Savannah in the room of Thomas Vincent Esquire deceased Qualified him Self According to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General assembly of this province Intituled an Act to Ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the Commons House of assembly and afterwards took the oaths and made and Subscribed the declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House—

Leonard Claiborne Esquire Elected and returned to Serve in general assembly representative for the Town of Augusta and parish of Saint Paul in the room of Thomas Waters Esqr whose seat became Vacated by his removing out of the province, qualified himself according to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General assembly of this Province Intituled an Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the Commons House of Assembly and afterwards took the oaths and made and Subscribed the declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House—

Thomas Morgan elected and returned to Serve in General Assembly representative for the parish of Saint George in the room of Thomas Burrington Esquire deceased Qulified (sic) himself according to the Terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General assembly intituled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this prov-

ince in the Commons House of Assembly and afterwards took the Oaths and Made and Subscribed the declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House

Demands against the Publick be delivered in—

ORDERED That all persons having demands against the Publick do deliver in their Accounts properly attested to the Clerk of this House on or before the 25th Instant and that this Order be advertized in the Gazette.

A Message from the Governor

A Message from his Excellency by the Master in Chancery which was read to the House in the Words following— Viz^t

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

I send you an Estimate of the Several Articles of Expence that seem necessary for the Service of the present Year and of Some already incurred together with such Accounts as have been delivered in to the Treasurer, for Your Inspection and Consideration and have given directions to him to lay before you any other Accounts that you may have Occasion for and Agreeable to what was intimated to Me when you desired an Adjournment I doubt not but you will forthwith proceed upon the Tax Bill and that the resolution and intention you declared to me in your Address of the 28th October last to provide a Sum of Money for furnishing the Articles therein Specified Will now be properly perfected According to his Majesties requisition and hope that the Business of the Session will be brought to a Speedy Conclusion.

I also Send you the Memorial of the Chief Justice and Senior Judge of the General Court relative to the State of the Caponniere used as a Goal a Matter which really deserves most Serious attention and perswade My Self

that You will in every respect go as far as the abilities and Circumstances of your Constituents will admit of

JA WRIGHT: Savannah in Georgia 12th January 1768.

A Committee to Consider the same

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to take his Excellencys Message into Consideration and Report their opinion thereon to the House and that the Memorial from the Chief Justice and Senior Judge of the General Court relative to the State of the Caponneirs (sic) used as a Goal directed to his Excellency the Governor be referred to the Said Committee and a Committee was appointed Accordingly—

a Petition from the Commissioners of the Roads—

A Petition of the Commissioners of the Roads for the Second Northwest division whose names are thereunto Subscribed was presented to the House and Read, Setting forth that the Length of the district or division of the Roads under the direction of the Petitioners is so great that the Number of Commissioners appointed by the Road Act are unequal to the Execution of the Act in a Sufficient and proper Manner, That the Extent of the district is at least Fifty Miles and the duty too difficult on the Small Number of Commissioners appointed by the Act They therefore pray that such further Number of Commissioners may be appointed as will be sufficient for the ease of the Petitioners and for the better Carrying into execution the powers invested in them by Law.

a Bill be brought in for amending the Road Act—

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending the Road Act Agreeable to the prayer of the Said Petition and that Mr Ewen Mr Treutlen and Mr Braddock be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun Bart Mr Bar-

a Committee to examine what Laws are near expiring.

nard and Mr Claiborne be a Committee to examine what Laws are expired or Near expiring and which of them are proper to be revived or Continued and Report the Same with their Opinion thereon to the House—

And then the House Adjourned tell to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 13th January 1768.

The House resolves into a Committee on the Estimate

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take the Estimate under Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Even from the Committee Reported that they had made some progress and that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to Sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to Sit Again

And then the House Adjourned tell (sic) to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 14th January 1768

A Bill be brought in to amend an Act for directing Executors and Administrators &c

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill to Amend an Act Intituled an Act to direct Executors and Administrators in the manner and Method of returning Inventories and Accounts of their Testators and Intestates Estates and for allowing them and all other persons who Shall or may be intrusted with the care and Management of Minors and other Estates to Charge Commis-

sions thereon and that Mr Claiborne and Mr Mulryne be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

John Simpson Esqr Elected a representative for the parish of St. James—

John Simpson Esquire produced a Writ for electing a representative of Frederica and parish of Saint James and also an Indenture Signed by the Major part of the Freeholders of the Said parish to Matthew Roche Esqr Acting Provost Marshal Certifying that the Said Freeholders had re elected him their representative to serve in General Assembly Agreeable to which he desired to be admitted to take his Seat, the same being Objected to, He being Now Clerk of this House and a debate arising thereon the Question was put, wether John Simpson Esqr shall be admitted a Member of this House While Clerk it passed in the Negative, after which John Simpson Esqr offered to resign his place of Clerk of this House and did with Two Members wait upon his Excellency the Governor immediately to whom he resigned his Commission and his Excellency was pleased to inform the House that he would appoint another Clerk immediately in the room of Mr Simpson who had resigned— Then John Simpson Esquire elected and returned to serve in General Assembly representative for the parish of Saint James and Town of Frederica qualified himself, According to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General assembly intituled an Act to ascertain the Manner and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabitants of this province in the Commons House of Assembly and afterwards took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the declaration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House.

desires to take his Seat—

objected to, being Clerk of the House.

he resigns his Commission—

Qualifies & takes his Seat—

And then the House adjourned tell to morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 15th January 1768.

Mr. Henry Keall appointed Clerk of this House.

The House being informed that Mr Henry Keall was appointed Clerk of this House in the room of John Simpson Esquire who resined (sic) his Commission

his Appointment Read—

ORDERED That the appointment of Mr Keall to be Clerk of this House be produced and he Accordingly delivered his Commission from his Excellency the Governor to Mr Speaker who read it to the House.

Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are Near Expiring—

Sir Patrick Houstoun Bart from the Committee Appointed to examine what Laws are expired or Near expiring and which of them are proper to be revived or Continued, Reported that they had Come to the following Resolutions—Viz^t

RESOLVED That it is the opinion of your Committee that an Act for regulating the Assize of Bread passed the 12th of December 1758 to Continue for Three years and from thence to the next Session of the General assembly and Continued by an Act passed the 7th April 1763 to the 25th March 1767 and from thence to the end of the Next Session of the General assembly" is Expired.

That an Act for raising a Fund by an Impost on Shipping to defray the Expence of Keeping in repair or rebuilding the Light House and pilot House on Tybee Island passsed the 25th March 1765 to Continue for Three years will expire at the End of the first Session of the sembly and Continued by an Act passed the 7th April to amend an Act Intituled an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing persons from trading with them without Li-

cence passed 25th of March 1765 to Continue for Three Years will expire at the End of the first Session after the 25th March next.

That an Act to prevent frauds and abuses in the Admeasuring and laying out his Majesties Lands within this Province passed the 25th March 1765 to Continue for Three Years will expire at the end of the First Session after the 25th March Next—

That an Act for amending an Act for regulating the pilotage of Vessels into the Several ports of this province passed the 6th March 1766 for Two Years will expire at the end of the first Session of the General Assembly after the 6th of March Next

That an Act for Establishing a Ferry over Great Ogeechee river at a place called Pine Bluff and for vesting the Same in John De Veaux the elder his Executors and Administrators for the Space of Six years passed the 9th June 1761 for Six Years— Expired the 9th June last

That an Act to prevent as much as may be the Spreading of the Small Pox in this province passed the 7th December 1764 and an Act Intituled an Act to Amend the Same passed the 25th of March 1765 are Near expiring—

The Bill for enlarging the burial Ground Read the first time.—

Mr Ewen from the Committee Appointed to Prepare and bring in a Bill to impower the Church Wardens and Westry (sic) of the parish of Christ Church to enlarge the Cemetry or Publick burial Ground of Savannah and to Inclose the Same.

Reported they have prepared the said Bill which was received and read the first time— And—

ORDERED to be read a Second time

Chas. Garth be Continued agent

Motion was Made that Charles Garth Esquire be Continued Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain for One year to commence the 1st of June next, by a resolution of this House—

ORDERED That the Consideration thereof be posponed (sic) untill Next Wednesday Sennight

a Committee to inspect the Journals of the upper House.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to enspect the Journals of the upper House & report the same to the House and a Committee was appointed Accordingly

ORDERED That Mr Gibbons and Mr Mulryne have leave of absence for Next Week.

And then the House Adjourned tell Monday Morning Ten of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday, 18th January 1768.

The House Considers the Report of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are near expiring

and

Resolved

The House took under consideration the report of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring and which of them are proper to be revived or Continued—

RESOLVED That a Bill be brought in for regulating the assize of Bread. also

A Bill for establishing and regulating several Ferrys within this province and impowering Commissioners to rent out the Ferry on Great Ogechee river— And also—

A Bill for preventing as much as may be the Spreading of the Small Pox within this province

ORDERED That Mr Ewen Mr Simpson Mr Claiborn

Mr Johnston and Mr McIntosh be a Committee to prepare and bring in the said Bills

ORDERED That the Consideration of the report of the Committee on the Act intituled an Act for Continuing an Act for raising a fund by an Impost on Shipping to defray the expence of Keeping in repair or rebuilding the Light House and Pilot House on Tybee Island. also

An Act intituled an Act to amend an Act to prevent private persons from purchasing Lands from the Indians and for preventing persons from trading with them without license Also

An Act to prevent frauds and abuses in the Admeasuring and laying out of his Majesties Lands within this province and also

An Act for amending an Act for the regulating the pilotage of Vesseiis into the several ports of this province, be postponed—

The Bill for enlarging the burial Ground read the Second time—

The Bill to empower the Church Wardens and Westry of the parish of Christ Church to enlarge the Cemetery or Publick burial Ground at Savannah and to inclose the Same was read the Second time and

ORDERED to be engrossed.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 19th January 1768

The Bill for enlarging the burial Ground read the third time and passed—

The Bill to empower the Church Wardens and Westry of the Parish of Christ Church to enlarge the Cemetery or Publick burial Ground at Savannah and to inclose the Same, being engrossed was read the Third time

RESOLVED That the Said Bill do pass.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson carry the Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence—

The Bread Bill Read the first time—

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread Reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time And

ORDERED to be read a Second time—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do Acquaint the upper house that this House have appointed a Committee to inspect their Journals and make such extracts therefrom as they may think necessary.

And then the House Adjourned tell to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 20th January 1768

Read the Second time—

The Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread was read the second time And.

ORDERED to be Committed.

ORDERED That Mr William Jones and Mr Butler have leave of Absence for Monday and Tuesday Next.

And then the House adjourned tell to-morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 21st January 1768

The House met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 22d January 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday 23d January 1768.

The House met According to adjournment, and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday 25th January 1768

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent as much as may be the Spreading of the Small Pox in this province Reported

The Small pox Bill read the first time—

they have prepared the Said Bill Which was received and read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a Second time—

The House resolves into a Committee on the Bread Bill—

The House resolves into a Committee to take under consideration the Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Barnard from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Same and Made several amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Said Bill with the amendments be engrossed—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 26th January 1768.

That a Bill be brought in for preventing the Exportation of Hides a unmerchentable (sic) Tanned Leather

ORDERED That leave be given to being (sic) in a Bill for Granting to his Majesty a duty on raw Neat Hides that may hereafter be exported from this province and to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather, and that Mr Gibbons & Mr Noble Wimberly Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 27th January 1768

a Petition of the Inhabitants of St. John & St. Andrew's Parishes.

A petition of Several of the Inhabitants of the parishes of Saint John and Saint Andrew whose names were thereunto Subscribed was presented to the House and Read Setting forth That Whereas a publick and more direct Communication seems to them very necessary from the upper road laid out to Barrington to the Lower Road leading to Darien for the Conveniency of Travelors in general as well as themselves for want of which many are obliged to travel considerably out of their way they therefore pray for a Publick Road to lead out of the upper Road a little above the plantation of Mr Richard Spencer deceased and into the lower road Near Mr John Sandifords— or where the House in its wisdom shall think meet and the petitioners as in duty Bound shall every pray.

Mr. Gibbons read a Letter to the House.

Mr Gibbons One of the Members of the parish of Saint John, Read a Letter to the House also Signed by Several of the Inhabitants of the parish of Saint John, directed to him and the other representatives for that parish requesting they would use their utmost endeavours to prevent a Road being laid out as applyed for in the above petition

a Committee thereon—

Ordered That Mr Cochran Mr Noble Wimberly Jones & Mr Johnston be a Committee to Consider the Said Petition and Letter and that they do report their opinion to the House, and that they have power to send for persons papers and records.

The Commissioners appointed to Build a Lazaretto &c—

Mr Simpson from the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this province Intituled an Act to empower the Commissioners therein named to Erect a Lazaretto and a house for the Keeper

thereof upon the Island of Tybee and to receive from the Treasurer or powder receiver of this province a Sum not exceeding Three Hundred pounds to defray the Expences thereof and to empower the Said Treasurer to repay the Same— Reported that they had gone to the Island of Tybee and Viewed the Said Lazaretto and House for the Keeper thereof and found the Same to be Compleatly finished agreeable to the directions of the said Act.

Report that the same is finished—

Mr Noble Wimberly Jones from the Committee appointed to Inspect the Journals of the upper house and take such extracts therefrom as they might think necessary for the information of this House Reported that they had inspected the Same & Made Sundry extracts therefrom which were received and read in the words following— Vizt

Extracts from the Journals of the upper House

Extracts from the Journals of the upper House of Assembly—

GEORGIA

Die Jovis 19° Decembris 1765.

Mr President informed the House that he had a Message from his Excellency the Governor Signed by his Excellency which he was directed to lay before the House and he delivered it in at the Table where the Same was read and is as follows. Vizt—

Honourable Gentlemen

I have observed in the Journals of the Commons House of assembly that they have Come to a resolution to direct such of their Members as are of the Committee of Correspondence to Acquaint Mr Knox the present Agent that the province hath no further Occasion for his Service as Agent I dont know wether you have concurred with those Gentlemen in Sentiment or Wether

it may be your opinion that their is no Occasion for any Agent after the time for which Mr Knox is appointed expires but if it should be thought necessary to have an Agent and You dont approve of Continuing the present give me leave to recommend Richard Cumberland Esquire to you for that purpose. a Gentleman perfectly conversant in the Business of an Agent well Known and respected at the Several offices and for whose abilities and Integrity I can be answerable.

JA WRIGHT 19h Decemr 1765.

ORDERED That the above Message from his Excellency be taken under Consideration on Monday the Third day of March Next.

Die Lunæ 3° Martij 1766°

The House proceeded to take under Consideration his Excellency the Governors Message to this House of the 19th December last respecting an Agent for this Province—

RESOLVED That the following address be presented to his Excellency the Governor in Answer to his Said Message.

To his Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesties province of Georgia—

The Humble Address of the upper House of Assembly

May it please your Excellency

We his Majesties most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council of Georgia in General assembly Met having taken into Consideration your Excellencies Message of the 19h

December last beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency that this House have not Concurred with the Commons House in acquainting William Knox Esquire the present Agent that the province hath no further Occasion for his Services as Agent and that if it should be thought proper to appoint any other person after Mr Knox's time as Agent is expired this House will pay the utmost regard to your Excellencys recommendation of Richard Cumberland Esquire—

ORDERED That Mr Powell and Mr Johnson do wait on his Excellency and present the Said Address

Die Jovis 6° Martij 1766°

RESOLVED That the thanks of this House be given to William Knox Esquire Agent for this province for his faithful Services in that Station and that Mr President be required to make the same Known to him and to Assure him that his Conduct as agent has met with the entire Satisfaction of this House.

Die Mercurii 18th Martij 1767°

ORDERED That a Message be Sent to the Commons House by the Master in Chancery in the following words Vizt

upper House of Assembly 18th March 1767:

Mr Speaker,

Their being an Article or Two in the Tax Bill that in the opinion of this House require Your reconsideration, They therefore desire a Conference with your House thereon—

Die Jovis 19° Martij 1767°

A Message was brought from the Commons House by Mr Joseph Gibbons in the following Words, Vizt

Commons House of Assembly
19th March 1767—

Honourable Gentlemen

In answer to your Message of yesterday Setting forth that there being an Article or Two in the Tax Bill that in the opinion of your House required the reconsideration of this House and desiring a Conference thereon, This House is of opinion that such request is Contrary to the Known Custom and usage of Assembly and therefore cannot join in the Conference proposed.

Memom on receiving this Message the House proceeded to read the Tax Bill a Third time and passed the Same on a Division, Contents 5. Noncontents 3.

Die Veneris 20° Martij 1767°

[The Minutes of this date commencing "On passing" and ending "Rights and Privileges" are given in the Journal of the Upper House.]

Die Jovis 26° Martij 1767°

[The Minutes of this date commencing at first item and ending "Consistancy and Honour" are given in the Journal of the Upper House.]

True Copy Examined—

Chas Watson C: G. A

The Order of the day being read

Amendment to a Motion made on Friday last and

A Motion was made that the Motion Made on Friday the 15th Instant for Continuing Charles Garth Esquire agent to Solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain for one Year to Commence the first day of June Next by a Resolution of this House might be Amended

by inserting (instead of the words by a Resolution of this House) the Words by an Ordinance—

Resolved—

RESOLVED That this House reserving to itself all its just and Constitutional rights and privileges in the appointment of an Agent to Solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain by a Vote of this House doth agree for the present to the Said Amendment.

an ordinance be Brought in for appointing an Agent

ORDERED That Leave be Given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing Charles Garth Esquire Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain and that Mr Simpson and Mr Williams be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

The Committee appointed to Consider the Governors Speech on the day of the last prorogation &c

Mr Mulryne from the Committee appointed to Consider the Governors Speech to this House on the day of the last prorogation and to draw up an Address in Answer thereto and that they do insert in the Said Address such extracts from the Journals of this House as may enable them to shew that this House did on that day prior to the Said prorogation make such provision as was deemed Ample for Supplying his Majesties Troops then quartered in this Province in Lieu of Barrack necessarys — Reported they had prepared the Same which was received and Read

Report

RESOLVED That the House will resolve itself into a Committee to take the Said report into Consideration to morrow Morning.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 28th January 1768

The Small Pox Bill Read the Second time

The Bill for Preventing as much be the Spreading of the Small Pox in this Province was Read the Second time—and

ORDERED to be Committed.

The Bread Bill Read the third time—

The Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread was read the Third time and passed

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Bill to the upper house and desire their Concurrence—

the Ordinance for appointing an Agent read the first time—

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance for appointing Charles Garth Esqures Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain Reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and.

ORDERED to be read a Second time

The House Considers the Report of the Commrs. appointed to Consider the Governors Speech &c—

The House agreeable to the Order of the day resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to take under Consideration the Governors Speech, on the day of the last prorogation and to draw up an Address in Answer thereto and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair And Mr Williams from the Committee Reported that they had taken the Said Address under Consideration and Made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Same in at the Table where the Same was again Read.

A Motion was made that the Said Address be totally rejected the Question being put it passed in the Negative.

ORDERED That the Said Address be engrossed.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 29th January 1768

An Address to the Governor—

The address to his Excellency the Governor being Engrossed was Presented to the House and Read in the words following—Vizt—

To his Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in And over the Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same.

The Address of the Commons House of Assembly of the Said Province—

May it Please your Excellency

We his Majesties most dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly of Georgia having always embraced every oppertunity of Testifying our gratitude and attachment to his most gracious Majesty our Sovereign Convinced as we are of the many blessings we enjoy under his protection and the happiness Secured to us by the British Constitution Cannot help being greatly concerned at the Earl of Shelburn's Letter communicated to us by Your Excellency since we find that notwithstanding the chearfull resolution of this House the 26th day of March last to pass a Vote of Credit for

so large a Sum of Money to be paid his Majesties Troops quartered in this Province in lieu of Barrack Necessarys as would amply provide for more than double the Number then here. we have by Misapprehension fallen under his Majesties displeasure! but our Zeal for his Sacred person and the peace of his Government opperate so powerfully that even our justification hath been delayed in consequence of your Excellencys requisition untill it was complyed with, and that being now done to your Excellencys Satisfaction we think it our indispensible duty to vindicate this House from the imputations it has long and lilently (sic) Laboured under and in order thereto we beg leave to recur to your Excellency's Speech on the day of our last prorogation Subsequent to the vote of this House for the Sum of £191..12..6. a Sum which was thought More than Sufficient to Supply a greater Number of his Majesties Troops with Barrack necessarys than were then or have since been in this Province and the mode of raising it, or the Sum, differing but a very Triffle from the last which gave Satisfaction

Your Excellency was pleased to say that you had wrote a Letter in consequence of our Message in Answer to your requisition of the 20th January last which you delayed Sending in expectation of a change in our Conduct but that you would then "We may be assured" do it and represent matters properly since our behaviour would bear no other Construction than disobedience & want of duty to his Majesty and that it lately tended to make Cyphers of the Council who you would certainly protect in all their privileges — That we had planners and Advicers whose Counsels we would have Occasion to wish we had not followed.—

That you would oppose our Mock Agent at every Board and not one Farthing of the Salary provided for him in the Tax Bill then passed should be paid—

While we lament the real Cause of your Excellencys sending any Letter expressed in Terms to our disadvantage we are equally surprised that it was done at a time when our Conduct gave us no reason to entertain the least Suspicion of our having merited it because on that very day we made (as far as lay with us) of our own Accord and without any Second requisition the ample provision already Mentioned, for proof of which we beg leave to refer your Excellency to some Extracts from our Journals subjoined to this Address—

We are not conscious of ever having made the least attempt upon any priviledge of the Council therefore Your Excellencys protecting them will always give us great pleasure, but there are certain Priviledges which this House have an indubitable right to that we shall endeavour to Maintain unviolated and it is with the greatest truth and Sincerity we assure your Excellency that we have no planners or Advisers out of this House That we follow the dictates of our reason only, Which points out in the strongest Light Affection & Loyalty to his most Sacred Majesty & due obedience to his Government these principles teach us also to revere our happy Constitution, And while our hearts overflow with gratitude and Love for our Most gracious Sovereign we cannot too Warmly express our Concern that any invidious cause should estrange your Excellency from us or Occasion our being undeservedly Censured! And Sorry we are that we cannot Agree with Your Excellency either in the person or Epithet of our Agent as we deem him the proper Agent of the People of this Province—having in vain requested the Councils Concurrence in the appointment of him by an Ordinance and with respect to his Salary being stoped we firmly rely upon your Excellencys thorough Knowledge of the force and Spirit of Laws to prevent the first being dispensed with or the Latter encroached upon, and we dare appeal to the Silent

Testimony of your own Conscience as well as the observation of all unprejudiced Men, How far our Conduct "Even in the most Critical Conjunctures have deserved Censure

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do Sign the Said Address and he signed the same Accordingly—

The Address presented to the Governor—

ORDERED That Mr Bullock & Mr William Jones do wait on his Excellency & present the Said Address and they Accordingly withdrew and being returned Mr Bulloch Reported That his Excellency was pleased to say that the Address contained some things of an extraordinary Nature which would take him Some time to Consider which when done he would Send an Answer to this House.

The Ordinance to appoint an agent Read the Second time—

The Ordinance for Appointing Charles Garth Esquire Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain Read the Second time. And

ORDERED to be Committed

the House resolves into a Committee thereon—

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the Same and made some amendments thereto which he read in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the amendments were again Read and Agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Said Ordinance with the Amendments be engrossed—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday 30th January 1768

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday 1st February 1768—

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 2d February 1768

The House resolves into a Committee on the Small pox Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take under Consideration the Bill to Prevent as much as may be the Spreading of the Small Pox in this Province and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Simpson from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Same and made Several Amendments thereto Which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read And agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

a Message from the Governor—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the deputy Secretary was presented to the House and read in the Words following Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

In reply to your Address of Friday last in Answer to what you are pleased to call my Speech at the Close of the last Session which in fact was not properly a Speech but rather Cursory observations on some Particular parts of your Conduct and proceedings during that Session (when I found it impossible and that no Arguments could prevail on you to do what I thought right & for the good of the province) and what I had not previously thought of or Committed to Writing as you well Know there was not time for either and therefore if any thing had dropt or escaped me that was not so proper or Strictly regular yet I think it might have rested, But instead of that you have thought fit at the distance of Ten Months to recollect it and Make it for me as a Set formal Speech—

Wherefore I must observe that however you may be concerned at the contents of the Earl of Shelburn's Letter which I communicated to you and however you may Lament the real Cause of my Sending any Letter to his Majesty's Secretary of State which you suppose and insinuate was expressed in terms to your disadvantage and however You may be Surprised that it was done at a time when Your Conduct gave you no reason to entertain the least Suspicion of your having Meited (sic) it because on that very day you had made (as far as with you lay) of Your own Accord and without any Second requisition the Ample provision mentioned and whatever degree of Merit you may Claim or think your Selves intituled to on Account of the resolution you came to on the 26th March to provide the Sum of £191..12..6 for his Majesties Troops doing duty in this Province, yet Gentlemen give me leave to say that I cannot See No sort of foundation for you to claim any Merit on Account of that resolution, and the true cause of my Writing

to his Majesties Secretary of State on that Subject, I, as a Friend and well wisher to this Province as well as you really lament and it has given me great Concern that the Earl of Shelburn Should have had any Occasion or reason to Write such a Letter, But Gentlemen these things were produced by Your own conduct and in not Listening to and following the Advice I gave you on the 26th of March as I shall Clearly shew hereafter and if by stating the matter any thing was expressed in terms to your disadvantage you have your Selves to blame for it and not me—and to shew that the whole proceeded from your Conduct and that you are mistaken in that part of Your Address wherein you Claim so much Merit in having made (as far as with you lay) of your own Accord and without any Second requisition the Ample provision Mentioned and in Vindication of my own Conduct on this Occasion and as I am not disposed to interrupt the Publick Business or enter into any Altrecation with you I shall Content my Self with breifly Stating the proceedings and Matters of fact relative to that affair as they really happened and appeared to me and the case then stands thus Vizt on the 20th January 1767. I sent you the following Message

"It is always with reluctance [same as already copied see Minutes of Tuesday Jan. 20 1767.]
[ends] in the said Act"—

and with this I sent you an extract of Captain Phillip's Letter with a list of the Necessaries required by him and Acquainted you with the Number of his Majesties troops in the province—and on the 18th of February (after having sent you a Private Message or intimation by One of your Members, 2 or 3 days before that if I did not forthwith receive an Answer to my Message I should be

obliged to send a Second in which possibly I should mention some things that might not be pleasing for here I must Acknowledge that I had been informed and believed that Letters had been wrote to Some person or persons in a Neighbouring Province for Advice on this Matter and which Was the reason why that answer was delayed So long and this is what I meant by Planners and Advicers) I received your Address as follows Viz^{t} "The House having taken [as copied in Minutes of 18 Feb. 1767] [ends] owe their Constituents", and I then expressed the utmost concern at it and told the Gentlemen who brought the Address that it would certainly bring his Majesties displeasure upon us & probably involve the province in greater difficulties than they were aware of and more to the same effect However that I should not enter into any altrecation with the House upon it at that time and that they might report my Answer to be "That "as it was my duty to lay this Matter before you so it "will be to transmit your Proceedings thereupon to his "Majesties Ministers." & thus the matter rested till the 26th of March which Was the day that I was to Assent to the Bills that had been passed and put an end to the Session and on that very Morning Capt Fuser came here with Orders to disband the Two Troops of rangers upon which I went to the Council Chamber and Sent for your House and Acquainted you with the Orders to break the rangers and proposed some matters to you which I thought absolutely necessary in Consequence of the reduction of the Rangers and as I was really under very great concern at your Conduct relative to the Mutiny Act when you were in the Council Chamber out of Pure regard for the province and people and seeing Clearly that you were about to Involve both in distress and difficulties I took that opportunity to Mention Your Address and expatiated upon it with Some Zeal and Warmth, And Acknowledge that I did say it carried a Strong ap-

pearance and I Conceived would be construed to proceed from a Spirit and disposition to Trample upon the Soveignty of Great Britain and Exhorted you in the warmest Manner to reconsider it and Make provision for a Compliance with the Mutiny Act which might in some measure do away what I thought they had before very improperly done and I then thought and still do that unbiassed unprejudiced Men would have deemed what I Said as in Friendship and regard for the Province by endeavouring to prevent us from running into difficulties and distress and this produced Your Address and resolution of that days date which you say were made of your own Accord and without any Second requisition and from which you claim so great Merit, In the Address Amongst other things not relative to this point You say "The House takes this opportunity to Acquaint me that "they have come to a resolution to allow each Commis-"sioned officer at the rate of One Shilling and each non "Commissioned officer & private Man of the Said Troops "at the rate of Two Pence P^r diem doing actual duty in "this Province" and to this part of your Address I returned for Answer "That your resolution could not take "effect but to make it compleat it would be necessary to "have the Concurrence of the upper House as was usual "in such cases and after that a request to me that I should "order the Treasurer to issue the Monys out of any in "his Hands not immediately wanted, and further that no "Monies could be issued by the Treasurer without the "assent and Order of the Governor and Council and it "could not be imagined that the Council would give their "assent to the issueing this Money when they found "themselves in this Matter Slighted and Neglected" and after this Answer was reported to your House you came to the following resolution Viz^t "That this House will provide [See ante in Minutes of 26 March 1767] [ends] April next" and after this Motion was made that a Mes-

sage be sent to the upper House desiring their Concurrence with this House in the Said resolution "and the question being put it passed in the Negative" and when you Came into the Council Chamber to offer the Bills for my assent I again Mentioned the matter to you and least there might have been any Mistake in reporting my Message as it was verbal I repeated it and Urged you to proceed as usual and was proper in Votes of Credit in this Province and told you that it was impossible your resolution or intention could take effect without and that if you did not proceed as recommended then whatever distresses or difficulties the province might be plunched into your Constituents would have you and you only to blame for it and this is a true state of the whole transaction and which is Now Confirmed by the Gentlemen of the Council as far as passed in the Council Chamber and the whole of which was Transmitted to his Majesties Secretary of State and therefore I Conceive you can have no reason to be under any Surprize at my writing to him on the Subject or at the Earl of Shelburns Signifying his Majestys requisition and the reasons of it—and that the Matter with respect to your Address of the 28th of October and resolution of the 26th March last may be the more clearly understood and as possibly the point relative to votes of Credit may be different in other Provinces it is Necessary to observe to you that in this province there is No Charter right of Legislation and it being an infant Colony there can be no pretence to plead prescription or any Inherent right But the whole arises from and is founded upon his Majestie's Royal Commission and Instructions to the Governor a part of which directs that all Monys for publick uses shall be granted to his Majesty and Lodged in the hands of such person as he shall appoint the receiver or Treasurer of the Said Colony and be issued by him in such manner as the Governor

and Council shall think proper to direct for the support of Government and in no other Manner or by any other Authority whatever and it is also to be observed that in your Address of the 26th March 1767 you only say You have come to a resolution to allow &c and in your resolution say you will provide &ca but no Money was Actually provided how then could your resolution (or Vote if you please to call it so) possibly take effect or what end could it answer for no Money was thereby raised or provided and it is well Known that there is no fund in the Treasury or Money whatever raised by any Tax Law but what is Actually appropriated to particular Services or Purposes and if there had been any Fund or Money how was it to be or Could it be drawn out of the Treasurers Hands without the Concurrence of the Council and the Method usually observed in this province in what is called votes of Credit I think is for both the Council and Assembly to Join in it and in this case as the Money was wanted immediately and not to be raised or provided for till a future day (I presume in the Tax Bill Now Coming before your house) it was further necessary that there should be a request of both Houses to me to Consent to an Order to the Treasurer to Advance the Money in the mean time out of any Money in his Hands Not immediately wanted and this seems very proper & Necessary for the reasons Mentioned and others that must Occur and is what I pointed out and recommended to You as the only way by which your intention could be Carried into execution and even this Method might Not be Strictly Legal or regular But if all the Branches of the Legislature had joined in it who (in this Province) could have called it in question but this you Would not agree to for what reasons you Know best—And your not listening to this recommendation and Advice is the true cause and reason of your falling under his Majesties displeasure this made it incumbent on me to Write to his Majesties

Secretary of State on the Subject and was the Occasion of the Earl of Shelburn's letter & his Majesties requisition all which Would have been avoided and prevented had you followed the wholesome Advice given you And I conceive that such a Letter comming from the Earl of Shelburn together with the Kings requisition after having been furnished with every transaction relative to this Matter from first to last is the Strongest proof in Support of the rectitude of my opinion and Assertion that your resolution of the 26th of March last appeared to be nothing at all and of no Force or Effect and here I must Acknowledge that on that day as a remark on Your Instruction to Mr Garth (who you took upon you to appoint or call agent for the Province) to appear in Support and to Solict his Majesties confirmation of an Act relative to the Carolina Grants I did say that it Was absurd (and possibly might add some other expression) to employ a Gentleman to endeavour to support and Solicit the Confirmation of our Law who was Agent for the province that was opposing it and who we Knew had received Instructions from that province to oppose it and I did also say that I conceived you alone had no right or power to appoint a Provincial Agent and that None could be regularly appointed but by the joint Concurrence of the Three Branches of the Legislature and all this I again repeat and for that reason I did not and shall not consider him as Provincial Agent and should oppose him as such and I did also declare that no Money should be paid him as such and that he is not so you have in some measure Admitted and Confirmed by your proceedings last Week an Ordinance being brought in for the Appointment of a provincial Agent, but what I said on this Head I cannot allow was in the terms you are pleased to say I expressed it. That Gentleman is a stranger to me but from the Character he bears I have a good opinion of him and a regard for him indeed I so good an

opinion of him and a regard for him as to think he will not Accept of your Appointment and I did not mean to cast any refection on him as you would unfairly insinuate, but only Meant to shew the absurdity of your Conduct and my disapprobation thereof, and I did also then say that some part of your late conduct had a Tendency towards making Cyphers of the Council and as an upper House and that I would endeavour to protect them in all their Just rights & priviledges & I then thought and still think myself warranted in every one of these last mentioned declarations & Sayings from your own records or entries on your own Journals and the point here Mentioned are two of the Instances I mean & I do not see that they are in any wise Answered or disproved by your late Address. And in Answer to that part of your Address of Friday last wherein you are pleased to Say "That Your Zeal for his Majesties Sacred person, and "the peace of his Government operated so powerfully "with you that you even delayed your Justification in "Consequence of my requisition untill it was Complied "with which being now done to my Satisfaction &c" The requisition I conceive was the Kings & not mine; and it is really Amazing that Gentlemen can be so greatly mistaken as to call your Address of the 28th of October a Compliance with that requisition to my Satisfaction surely no man living who reflects a Moment can seriously call it so, I think that impossible, But let us also see how this Matter Stands and it is thus, Viz^t on the 27th of October last I sent the following Message "Having lately "received Letters from the Earl of Shelburn his Majes-"ties principal Secretary of State for the Southern de-"partment has obliged me to call you together a little "earlier than I should otherwise have done. But Gen-"tlemen, I am to Acquaint You that his Majesty expects "and requires that You will render an exact and Com-"pleat obedience in all respects whatever to the Terms

"of the Mutiny Act and I am Commanded without delay "in his Majesties Name to require that you will make "those provisions for the Supply of the Kings Troops "which by that Act you are directed to do and so I "Exhort you in the warmest Manner to a Cheerfull and "Speedy compliance with the Kings requisition." And in your Address of the 28th of October you Say. "The House having [For transcript see ante in Minutes of 29 Oct. 1767] [ends] General Tax Bill." And can any Gentleman seriously say that this is a Compliance with the Kings requisition to my Satisfaction, what is it more than was done in March 1767. and will any man Say that the firewood &ca is provided or that the Money in Lieu thereof is provided or that it can be had, or come at without the future Aid, or act, of the Three branches of the Legislature; & Gentlemen what is my Answer to this Address. "I thank you for it, because you declare "your intention & resolution to provide a Sum of Money "for furnishing the Several articles therein Specified and "which are directed by the Mutiny Act and I tell you "that I shall not entertain a doubt but that this intention "will be carried into execution in Such Manner as will "Clearly Shew a full Compliance with his Majesties "requisition and obedience to the Said Act" from all which it is most evident that nothing is yet done, further than that you have declared you intend to do it & that you will do it — As to Certain Indubitable priviledges which you have and shall endeavour to Maintain, God forbid I should attempt to deprive you of or infringe any Just priviledges you can Claim, You well Know I never did and I can truely declare I never entertained such a thought, nor shall I attempt to dispense with Laws or to encroach upon the British Constitution and when ever the matter You allude to comes properly before me I shall Not be at a Loss how to Act, on the other hand Gentlemen be assured I will endeavour to discharge the

trust reposed in me with Integrity and to the utmost of my Power will Support the just rights of the Crown And the Authority of the British Parliament—

There are some insinuations in your Address which I rather think ungenerous and I believe I could easily point out the true Cause of all this Conduct but as I have already said, so I really am not disposed to enter into any dispute with you and therefore shall pass them over referring to your own Journals for upwards of Seven years past for your true and Candid sentiments of me and My Conduct—And as I conceive I have clearly Shewn that your resolution of the 26th of March last could not take effect and that no Money could possibly be issued under or in Consequence of it and also that your Address of the 28th of October last in Answer to the Kings requisition is not a Compliance with or performance of that requisition and that not One Farthing can be issued under the Authority of this Address any more than under that resolution and as Three Months have already passed near one of which you have been Setting to do Business and it does not appear to me that any thing further has been done in obedience to his Majesties said requisition I must now again in his Majesties Name require that you will forthwith proceed to Comply with the Same and that no other Business or any obstacle may interfere with or prevent that Matter from being perfected, and as a Mark of that respect which is due to his Majestys requisition. I must in the Strongest Manner recommend it to you to proceed upon this Business apart and by a Seperate Law—and not to make it an Article in the next Tax Bill as you proposed by your Address of the 28th of October Last—

JA. WRIGHT.

Savannah 1st of Feby 1768

Also one other Message from his Excellency the Governor by the deputy Secretary was presented and read in the words following Viz[t]

Another Message from the Governor.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the assembly—

On the Memorial of the Inhabitants of the the parish Saint Paul and the Petetion of the Inhabitants of Saint Georges parish. I have thought fit with the advice and Consent of his Majesties Council to establish Courts at Augusta with Cevil & Criminal Jurisdiction to be held Twice in the Year and extending from the limits of this Government westward down to Brier Creek and by the Beaver dams Cross from Savannah river to the North of Horse Creek on Great Ogeechee river and have given directions for proper Commissions to be made out for that purpose. I have also given directions to the attorney General to prepare the draught of such a Bill as may be necessary relative to the Jurys and Constables duties in the Said district and Authorized to say that a goal and Court House will be Built at the expence of the Inhabitants but still some further expence will arise on holding the Said Courts which Matter I must recommend to your Consideration and shall only observe that the Expence of bringing down prisoners from the back parts of this Province and of Maintaining them in Goal where they are often obliged to remain from one Session to another for want of the prosecutors or Witnesses attending has been very Great, and that altho the holding these Courts will be attended with some expence yet I conceive upon the Whole it will be a Considerable saving to the Province as well as an ease to his Majesties subjects and Tending greatly to the better support of good Order and Government.

JA WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia 1st Frebruary 1768.

Order on the Governors first Message—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to consider his Excellencys first Message of Yesterday and report their opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed Accordingly—

ORDERED That the Said Committee do withdraw immediately—

Order on the Second—

ORDERED That his Excellencys Second Message do lye upon the Table for the perusal of the Members of this House—

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 3d February 1768

Report of the Committee to Consider the Governors first Message.

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to Consider his Excellencys first Message of Monday last and report their opinion thereupon to the House

Reported That they had gone through the Same and Come to the following resolutions Viz^t

1st RESOLVED. That it is the opinion of this Committee that no Letters were sent to a Neighbouring Province for advice respecting the requisition contained in his Excellencys Message of the 20th January 1767 and which he beleived to be the Cause for delaying an Answer to that Message, notwithstanding any information his Excellency might receive to the Contrary.

2d RESOLVED. That it is the opinion of this Committee that Neither passing the vote of Credit on the 26th of March 1767 nor appointing Mr Garth Agent for this Province by a Vote of this House were intended to de-

prive the Council as an upper House of any of their Just rights and priviledges and that the agreeing to bring in an Ordinance this Session for appointing an Agent was intended Solely to Accommodate any difference subsisting between the Two Houses on that Account.

3dly RESOLVED That it is the opinion of this Committee that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £200 Stg for defraying the Expence of purchasing Barrack necessarys for the use of his Majestys Troops doing duty in the province for One Year to Commence the first day of November Last—

The House agrees to the 1st Resolution

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the first resolution,—

and to the Second wth. Amendments—

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the Second resolution with the following addition (after the word Account) and not from a Conviction of any Error in the former proceedings of this House,—

The House disagrees to the Third—

The Third Resolution of the Committee to Consider his Excellencys first Message of Monday last being read a Second time a Motion was Made and the Question being put that the said resolution be disagreed to. I passed in the affirmative.—

The Small pox Bill read the third time and passed

The Bill for preventing as much as may be the Spreading of the Small pox in this province Read the Third time and passed—

ORDERED, That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

The House resolves into a Committee on the Estimate

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to Consider the Estimate and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen

from the Committee, reported that they had made Some further progress therein that he was directed to move for leave to Sit Again,

ORDERED, That the Committee have leave to Set again

The Ordinance for appointing an agent read the third time & passed—

The Ordinance for appointing Charles Garth Esqr Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain was read the Third time—

Motion was made that the same be rejected the Question was put and passed in the Negative—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do Carry the Said Ordinance to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 4th February 1768

The House Met according to Adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 5th February 1768.

The Circuit Court Bill Received

Mr Williams Reported that the Kings Attorney General agreeable to the direction of his Excellency the Governor had prepared a Bill to ascertain the district of the Circuit Court established at Augusta in this province and to enforce the Several Acts of the General as-

sembly of the Same so far as may be necessary to render effectual Such establishment, which he moved might be received—

and

Read the first time—

ORDERED That the Said Bill be received,— then the Said Bill was received and read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a Second time—

A petition from the Inhabitants of the parish of St. George.

A Petition of Several of the Inhabitants of the parish of Saint George whose Names were thereunto Subscribed, was presented to the House and Read Setting forth, that Whereas the Inhabitants of Augusta have petitioned this House for a County Court and are desirous to have the Inhabitants of the parish of Saint George to attend at the Courts at Augusta, they therefore pray that they may either have a County Court established within that parish or be permitted to bring their Causes before the Courts at Savannah as formerly—

ORDERED That the Said Petition do lye upon the Table—

Report of the Committee to Consider the petition & Letter from the Inhabitants of St. John & St. Andrews Parishes—

Mr Johnston from the Committee appointed to Consider the petition and Letter from the Inhabitants of Saint John & Saint Andrews parishes

Reported That they had gone through the Said Letter and petition and Came to the following resolution Vizt

"RESOLVED— That it is the opinion of this Committee "that a Road from Saint Andrew's Parish to join the "publick Road in the parish of Saint John is Necessary "for a Communication to the Lower Settlements on the "Alatamaha

The House agrees to the same.

RESOLVED That the House doth agree with their Committee in the Said Resolution—

Instruction to the Committee preparing the Road Act.

ORDERED That it be an Instruction to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for amending the Road Act to receive a Clause or Clauses, for Laying out a Road in the parish of Saint John agreeable to the above resolution,

The Bill to amend the Jury Act Received.

and

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend an Act for ascertaining the qualification of Jurors and for establishing the Method of Baloting and Sumoning of Jurors in the province of Georgia and that Mr Claiborn & Mr Simpson be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

Read the first time—

Mr Claiborn from the Committee appointed to bring in the Said Bill, Reported that the Same was ready prepared which was received and read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a Second time

The Raw Neat hide Bill Read the first time—

Mr N: W: Jones from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for Granting to His Majesty a duty upon Raw Neat hides exported from this province and to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather—

Reported That they had prepared the Same which was received and Read the first time &

ORDERED to be read a Second time—

ORDERED That Mr Barnard have leave of absence for a Month—

That a Letter be sent to Mr. Baillie

ORDERED That the Clerk do write a Letter to Mr Baillie desiring he will attend his duty in this House.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday 6th February 1768

The House met According to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday 8th February 1768

The Raw Neat hide Bill read he Second time

The Bill for granting to his Majesty a duty upon Raw Neat hides Exported from this province and to prevent the exportation of Unmerchantable Tanned Leather, was Read the Second time &

ORDERED to be Committed.

The Jury Bill Read the Second time—

The Bill to amend and Explain an Act Intituled an Act for ascertaining the qualification of Jurors and for establishing the Method of Baloting & Summoning of Jurors in the province of Georgia was read the Second time. and

ORDERED to be Committed

The House resolves into a Committee therein

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Simpson from the Committee

Reported that they had gone through the same. and Made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 9th February 1768.

The Bill for Amending the Negroe Act Read the first time—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to further amend an Act Intituled an Act for the better Ordering and Governing Negroes and other Slaves in this province & to prevent the inveigling or carrying away Slaves from their Masters or Employers & that Mr Tatnell & Mr Claiborne be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

Mr Tatnell from the Committee appointed to prepare the Said Bill. Reported that they had prepared the Same, which was received and Read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a Second time —

The Jury Bill read the Third time & passed.

The Bill to explain an Act Intituled an Act for ascertaining the Qualifications of Jurors and for establishing the Method of Baloting and Summoning of Jurors in the province of Georgia being engrossed was read the Third time & passed.

order thereon—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

Motion that the Circuit Court Bill be now read the Second time.

A Motion was made that the Bill to ascertain the district of the Circuit Court established at Augusta in this province and to enforce the Several Acts of the General assembly of the same, so far as may be necessary to ren-

der Effectual such establishment, be now read a Second time which being objected to

Order thereon.

ORDERED That the reading of the Said Bill a Second time be postponed till this day Sennight.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 10th February 1768.

The Road Bill received and Red the first time—

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare & bring in a Bill to amend an Act to empower the Several Commissioners or Surveyors thereafter named to lay out & make Such Publick Roads in the province of Georgia as are therein after Mentioned and directed and to Continue to Work upon Clear repair, and improve the Several Roads already laid out and also the rivers and Creeks within their Several & respective divisions Reported that they had prepared the Same. Which was received and Read the first time &

ORDERED to be read a Second time

The Negroe Bill Read the Second Time—

The Bill to further amend an Act Intituled an Act for the Better Ordering and Governing Negroes and other Slaves in this province and to prevent the inveighling or Carrying away Slaves from their Masters or employers, was read a Second time.

ORDERED that the Same be engrossed—

Report of the Committee appointed to Consider the Governor's Message and the Memorial of the Chief Justice—

Mr Johnson from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration the Governors Message of the Twelfth of January last and also the Memorial of the Chief Justice and Senior Judge of the General Court

Reported that having taken the Said Message & Memorial into Consideration are of opinion that a More convenient & proper Goal for confining Prisoners is absolutely Necessary—

The House agrees to the Same—

RESOLVED That this House doth agree with their Committee in the said report—

a Motion that an address be presented to the Governor—

a Motion was made that a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency Agreeable to the resolutions of the Committee on the Second of this Month and also to such parts of the Said Message as they may think Not Answered by the Said resolutions—

objected to

The Queestion being put it passed in the Negative.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 11th February 1768.

Leonard Claiborn absented from the House—

It appearing that Leonard Claiborne Esquire has absented himself from the Service of the House without Leave thereof

Motion was Made that he be taken into Custody of the Messenger.

order thereon

ORDERED That Leonard Claiborne Esqr be taken into Custody of the Messenger attending this House & that Mr Speaker do issue his Warrant for that purpose.

The Negro Bill read the Third time—

The Bill to further amend an Act Intituled an Act for the better Ordering & Governing Negroes and other Slaves in this province & to prevent the inveigling or

Carrying away Slaves from their Masters or employers, being engrossed was read the third time & passed—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 12th February 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment & then adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday 13th February 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment & then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday 15th February 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment & then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 16th February 1768.

The Order of the day being read.

The Circuit Court Bill read the Second time and

The Bill to ascertain the district of the Circuit Court established at Augusta in this province and to inforce the Several Acts of the General Assembly of the Same so far as may be necessary to render effectual such establishment was read the Second time

that the same be not read a Third time—

A Motion was Made that the said Bill be not read a third time—

The Question being put it passed in the affirmative.

A Petition from Capt. Wm. Lyford.

A Petition of Capt William Lyford was presented to the House and Read Setting forth that the Petitioner has for some years past been a Branch pilot for the River of Savannah and Barr of Tybee and been at a Considerable Expence in providing Boats and proper persons to assist him in his duty as Pilot & Flatters himself that he has in every Instance discharged the Trust reposed in him with assiduity dispatch and deligence for the truth of this Assertion he hopes he may appeal to the Testimony not only of the Masters of Vessels trading to this port in General but to the Gentlemen in Trade in Savannah—

That the Petitioner had among others provided at the Expence of above £350 Stg a Schooner rigged Pilot Boat built for the purpose of attending this Barr and of Burthen Sufficient to Keep the Sea in any Season and in any weather as is well known to many of the Members of this Honourable House

That on the Fifth day of February Instant his Said Pilot Boat together with a very Valuable Slave and a

quantity of Sail Cloth, that happened to be then on board the Same for the purpose of Making a New Suit of Sails were forcibly and piratically carried away by Three Sea Men belonging to a Vessel commanded by Captain Covell now lying at Cockspur and to all appearance are totally and irrecoverably lost to the Petitioner whose Slender circumstances (Occasioned in part by the extraordinary Expence he has been at on Occasion of his undertaking the Said pilotage) can by no Means bear so heavy a Loss, but himself and Family must thereby Inevitably be reduced to great distress—

The Petitioner therefore humbly hopes that this Honourable House taking the premisses under their Consideration will in Commisseration of his unhappy Case and to enable him to proceed in his duty for the Publick good of this province grant him Such relief therein as to them shall Seem Meet—

Resolution thereon—

The House took the said petition into Consideration and Resolved. Nim Con

That this House will provide the Sum of £50 as a reward to any person or persons who will deliver to Capt Lyford the Pilot Boat lately Stole from him at the port of Savannah and the further Sum of £25 to be paid to any person or persons who will give information so as the offender or offenders may be brought to Justice and Convicted.

The Ogechee Ferry Bill Read the first time

Mr Simpson from the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to Impower the Commissioners therein named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the Publick the Ferry over Great Ogechee river at a place called the pine Bluff for a Term of Five years and to authorize the said Commissioners to Inspect & regulate the Same Re-

ported that they had prepared the Same which was received & read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a Second time.

A Committee to examine the State of the Funds

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to examine the State of the Funds for Sinking Certificates & report their opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed Accordingly

ORDERED That Mr Tatnell have leave of absence to go to Carolina on extraordinary Avocations

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock,

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 17th February 1768,

The House met According to Adjournment, and then adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 18th February 1768.

The Road Act Read the Second time—

The Bill to amend an Act to empower the Several Commissioners or Surveyors, thereafter named to lay out and make such Publick Roads in the province of Georgia as are therein after mentioned and directed and to Continue to work upon, Clear, repair, and improve the several Roads already laid out and also the rivers and Creeks within their Several and respective divisions was read a Second time and Committed —

The House resolves into a Committee thereon—

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the Same and Made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table— Where the amendments were again Read and agreed to by the House

and

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be engrossed.

to Consider the Estimate—

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to consider the Estimate and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had Made some further progress therein and that he was directed to move for leave to Sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to Sit again

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 19th February 1768

The Ogechee Ferry Bill Read the Second time—

The Bill to empower the Commissioners therein Named to put up for Sale for the benefit of the Publick the Ferry over great Ogechee River at a place Called the pine Bluff for a term of Five years and to Authorize the Said Commissioners to Inspect and regulate the Same was read a Second time &

ORDERED to be Committed

The House resolves into a Committee thereon—

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Smith from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the Same and made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his place & afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Said Bill with the amendments be engrossed—

The Bill for establishing Several Ferrys in this province Read the first time—

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for establishing a ferry from the Town of Ebenezer to the opposite Bluff upon the river Savannah also for establishing over Bryar Creek at a place called Mill Town and over the river Savannah from the Center of the Town of Augusta to the opposite Bluff in South Carolina and also over the river alatamaha at Fort Barrington and for vesting the Said Ferrys in the persons therein Named their Executors administrators or assigns for and during the Space of (sic) Years— Reported that they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time

ORDERED that the Same be read a Second time

The Road Bill Read the Third time & passed

The Bill to amend an Act to empower the Several Commissioners or Surveyors thereafter named to lay out and make such publick Roads in the province of Georgia as are therein after mentioned and directed and to Continue to work upon, Clear, repair, and improve the Several roads already laid out and also the rivers and Creeks within their Several and respective divisions, was Read the Third time and passed—

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do carry the

Said Bill to the upper house and desire their Concurrence —

A Message from the upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

That the upper House had agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent as much as may be the Spreading of the Small pox in this province with some amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

That they had also Agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act to empower the Church Wardens and Vestry of the parish of Christ Church to enlarge the Cemetery or Publick Burial Ground at Savannah and to inclose the Same without amendments

That they had also agreeed to the Bill Intituled an Act for regulating the assize of Bread without Amendments.

Another Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Another Message from the upper House—

That a Memorial of Messrs John Rae and George Galphin having been laid before the upper House and taken under Consideration they herewith send it for the perusal of this House and desire a Conference of both Houses on the Subject Matter thereof to be held on Monday next in the room adjoining the Council Chamber,

And the Said Memorial being read in the words following Viz^t

Memorial of John Rae & George Galphin—

To his Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Governor in Chief of his Majesties province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same. To Honourable the Members of the Council, and to the Honble the Speaker and Members of the Commons House of Assembly—

The Memorial of John Rae & George Galphin Humbly Sheweth—

That your Memorialist having greatly

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[ends] as to your Wisdom, shall seem Meet.

ORDERED That the Said Message and Memorial do lye upon the Table for the perusal of the Members of this House.

Leonard Claiborne Esqr attend at the Door—

The House being informed that Leonard Claiborne Esquire, in Custody of the Messenger, for absenting himself, from the Service of the House, without Leave; attending at the door, Upon Motion being made.

he is Admitted

ORDERED That the said Leonard Claiborne be admitted and that he be reprimanded at the Barr of the House, by Mr Speaker,

Repremanded and discharged—

The Said Leonard Claiborne being Called in was repremanded by Mr Speaker at the Barr of the House Accordingly and Mr Claiborne made an humble Acknowledgement to the House that his leaving the Service of the House without Leave was not intended as any disrespect or Contempt—

ORDERED That the Said Leonard Claiborne be discharged out of the Custody of the Messenger of this House, paying his Fees—

ORDERED That Mr Bullock have leave of absence to go to Carolina on Extraordinary Avocations and that Mr Morgan likewise have leave of Absence for a Fortnight

And then the House Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday 20th Feby 1768

The House met According to Adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday 22d February 1768

The House agrees to the amendments Made by the upper House to the Small Pox Bill—

The House took under Consideration the Amendments made by the upper House to the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent as much as may be the Spreading of the Small pox in this province, and agreed to the Same.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do acquaint the upper House that this House doth Agree with them in the Said Amendments—

The Bill for establishing Several Ferrys in this province Read the Second time—

The Bill for establishing a Ferry from the Town of Ebenezer to the opposite Bluff upon the River Savannah also for establishing Ferrys over Bryer Creek at a place called Mill Town and at the upper Publick Road and over the River Savannah from the Center of the Town of Augusta to the Opposite Buff in So Carolina and also over the River Alatamaha at Fort Barrington and for vesting the Said Ferrys in the persons therein Named their Heirs Executors Administrators or assigns for and during the Space of Five years was Read the Second time and,

ORDERED to be Committed—

The House resolves into a Committee thereon—

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair & Mr Williams Reported that they had

gone through the Same and Made Several amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again Read & agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Said Bill with the Amendments be Engrossed—

The House took under Consideration the Message from the upper House of Friday last, together with the Memorial of Messieurs Rae and Galphin.

The House considers the Message from the upper House &c—

and

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do Acquaint the upper House that this House doth Agree in the Conference proposed on the Subject Matter of the said Memorial

Agrees to the Conference wth the upper House.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson Mr N: W: Jones and Mr Claiborne be the Managers of the said Conference, and Accordingly the House went to join in Conference with the upper House and being returned Mr Simpson one of the Managers Reported that in the Said Conference it was agreed that an encouragement be given to the Settlement proposed by the Memorial and that a Bill be brought in for that purpose.

Managers of the Conference the House attends in Conference—

RESOLVED That this House doth agree in the Said Report

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 23d February 1768

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take

The House resolves into a Committee

under Consideration the Bill for Granting to his Majesty a duty upon Raw Neat hides exported from this province, and to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather and after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the Same and Made Several amendments thereto which he read in his place, And afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Said Bill with the amendments be engrossed—

An Ordinance for appointing Inspectors of Tanned Leather Read the first time.

ORDERED That leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing inspectors of Tanned Leather for Towns of Savannah & Sunbury and that Mr Ewen & Mr Claiborne be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same—

Mr Claiborne from the Said Committee Reported that the Same was ready prepared which was received and read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a Second time —

The House resolves into a Committee on the Estimate.

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to Consider the Estimate and after Some time Spent therein Mr Speaker, resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee Reported that they had made some further progress therein and that he was directed to Move for leave to Sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to Sit again.

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 24th Feb^ry 1768.

The Ordinance for appointing Inspectors of Tanned Leather Read the Second time—

The Ordinance for appointing Inspectors of Tanned Leather for the ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this province, Read a Second time &

ORDERED to be engrossed.

The Ogechee Ferry Bill Read the Third time—

The Bill Intituled an Act to empower the Commissioners therein Named to put up to Sale for the benefit of the Publick, the Ferry over Great Ogechee river at a place called the pine Bluff for a Term of Five Years and to Authorize the Said Commissioners to inspect and regulate the Same was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED that Mr Simpson do carry the Said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

A Petition of the Merchants of Savannah.

A Petition of the Merchants Inhabitants of the Town of Savannah whose names were thereunto Subscribed was presented to the House and read Setting forth, that whereas His Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General and Commander in Chief of this province and vice admiral of the Same hath been pleased by and with the Advice and Consent of the Honourable his Majesties Council to establish Courts to be held at Augusta twice a year which said Courts have proper Jurisdiction of all Causes Civil and Criminal that May happen, to arise within a Certain district particularly Mentioned in his Excellencys Message to this House they therefore Humbly pray that this House would be pleased to alter and amend the Law in force concerning Jurys so that proceedings in the Said Court may be regularly carried on by which means they may be enabled to recover their Just debts that are due and owing to them from the

Inhabitants of Saint George and Saint Pauls which are included in the above district Without which they are apprehensive they would be greatly injured as the Said Court as the Law Now Stands will not have it in their power to Convene Jurys to appear at the Said Court in Order to be Sworn as Grand & Petty Jurors to pass between his Majesty & Criminals and between plaintiffs and defendants in Civil Causes which will be of the utmost prejudice to them as well as a hinderance of Justice in Criminal prosecutions they therefore humbly pray that this House will be pleased to take the Several Matters & things Set forth therein under their serious Consideration and Grant unto them such relief as the Nature & Circumstances of their Case shall or may require—

ORDERED That the Consideration of the Said Petition be postponed till Tuesday Next—

The House resolves into a Committee on the Estimate.

The House Resolved itself into a Committee further to Consider the Estimate and after Some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee Reported that they had made some further progress therein and was directed to Move for Leave to Sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to Sit again.

A Message from the Upper House—

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery—

That the upper House had agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act to explain an Act Intituled an Act for ascertaining the Qulification of Jurors and for establishing the Method of Ballotting and Summoning of Jurors in the province of Georgia, without amendments,

A Memorial of John Francis Williams Esquire was

A Memorial of John Francis Williams—

presented to the House and Read Setting forth that Whereas, Some time Since (Vizt) in the year 1763 the practice of Horse Stealing in and about Augusta was so frequent as to become insupportable to the industrious and honest part of the Inhabitants of that part of the province—

That the Memorialist never before, or at that time, had a Horse stolen from him and therefore had the less reason to Complain of that practice but yet from a feeling for his Neighbours especially the poorer Sort who had suffered Severely from that (then growing Evil,) did of his own Accord Set on foot a Subscription to raise the Sum of Twenty pounds Sterling to be offered as a reward to any person or persons that would apprehend, prosecute and Convict a horse Stealer, That as soon as the sum of £20. St^g was Subscribed the Memorialist, (depending upon the Honour of the Several Subscribes thereto) did by Publick advertisement in his own name offer a reward of £20 St^g to any person or persons that wou'd apprehend, prosecute or Convict a horse Stealer. That in Consequence of the Said offer of the Said reward Several persons particularly one Jacob Hood and William Murphy did go in pursuit of one William Burns who had just then Stolen a horse from the Memorialist whom (the Said William Burns) they did apprehend and imprison and who was prosecuted and Convicted of the Charge & Suffered death for the Same in the Town of Savannah, That the Memorialist from the Nature of his obligation was obliged and did Actually pay to the Said Hood & Murphy the Said reward of £20 St^g besides suffering the Loss of his Horse which he never has since recovered tho he took every Lawful Method to do so— That the Memorialist after paying the aforesaid reward of £20 St^g has repeatedly (but ineffectually) called upon the Several Subscribers to the Said reward who have at

last declared that they will pay no part of it and the Memorialist has it not in his power to compel them to do so by any regular course of Law. Wherefore he has and does yet lie Solely under the burden of paying the Said reward— That by the proceedings of the Memorialist in the primisses the Publick derived a benefit (hitherto at his Sole Expence) so far as it can derive a Benefit from Making Publick examples of Felons, The Memorialist therefore prays this House to take the premisses into Consideration and to grant him therein Such relief, as may seem Meet

Order thereon

ORDERED That the Said Memorial be referred to the Consideration of the Committee upon the Estimate—

Report of the Committee, to examine the State of the Funds—

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to examine the State of the funds for Sinking Certificates— Reported that they had examined the same and Come to the following resolutions Vizt

RESOLVED That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Sum of £540 was raised by Certificates for Building a Fort and Battory on the Island of Cockspur and Look out at Midway of Which has been issued £465. That there remains in the Treasurers hands to be issued £75. and that there has been sunk by the duty laid by Act of Assembly on Deer Skins exported except to Great Britain— only the Sum of £74.

That the Sum of £650 was raised by Certificates for building a Fort at Augusta a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in Frederica of which has been issued £550 that there remains in the Treasurers hands to be issued £100 and that there has been Sunk by Act of Assembly for laying a duty on Sundry Articles that shall be imported from any of his Majesties Colonies to the Northward of the province of South Carolina the Sum of £243—

That the Sum of £1815 was raised by Certificates for Building a Court House in the Town of Savannah and encouragement of Setlers to Come into this province of which has been issued £700. that there remains in the Treasurers hands to be issued £1115 St^s and there has been Sunk by the Last years Tax Bill the Sum of £215—

That there is Sunk by leasing of the Spring and Watch House when paid, being now due the Sum of £190 of the Certificates for building a Fort at Augusta a Guard House in Savannah and repairing the Barracks in Frederica

That the amount of the Powder Money borrowed is £300.

That there is owing to the Commissioners of the Church, Ballance of the Sum borrowed £399..19..8—

ORDERED That the Said report be taken under Consideration on Tuesday Next.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 25th February 1768.

The Ordinance for appointing Inspectors of Tanned Leather read the Third time & passed—

The Ordinance for appointing inspectors of Tanned (sic) for the ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this province being ingrossed was read a Third time and passed.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Ordinance to the upper House and desire their Concurrence—

The House resolves into a Committee on the Estimate—

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to Consider the Estimate and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee Reported that they had made some further progress therein and was directed to Move for Leave to Sit Again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to Sit again

That a Bill be brought in for encouraging settlers &c.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for encouragement of Setlers to be brought into this province from the North of Ireland and that Mr Simpson Mr Williams & Mr N. W. Jones be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

And then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 26th February 1768.

The Bill for establishing Several Ferrys, Read the Third time & passed.

The Bill Intituled an Act for establishing Several Ferrys in this province and for Vesting the Same in the persons therein Mentioned being engrossed was read a third time and passed.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

The Bill for encouraging Setlers &c Read the first time.

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for encouraging a Certain number of protestants from the Nothern parts of the Kingdom of Ireland to Come into this province within a limited time and for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of Six Hundred pounds Stg for the Said purpose Reported that

they had prepared the Same which was received & read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a Second time—

and then the House Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday 27th February 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment & then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Monday 29th February 1768—

The House met According to adjournment and then adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 1st March 1768

The Raw Neat hide Bill Read the Third time & passed—

The Bill Intituled an Act for Granting to his Majesty a duty upon Raw neat hides exported from this province and for preventing the exportation of unmerchantable Tanned Leather was read a Third time and passed.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence—

Consideration of the Merchants Petition

The Order of the day being read for taking under Consideration the petition of the Merchants inhabitants of the Town of Savannah

Order thereon—

ORDERED That the Consideration thereof be posponed till the fourth of April Next—

Consideration of the state of the Funds—

The Order of the day being read for taking under Consideration the report of the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Funds for Sinking Certificates.

order thereon—

ORDERED That the Consideration of the Said Report be refered to the Consideration of the Committee of the Whole House upon the Estimate

The Bill to encourage Setlers &ca Read the Second time—

The Bill Intituled an Act for encouraging a Certain Number of Protestants from the Nothern parts of the Kingdom of Ireland to come into this province within a limitted time and for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of Six Hundred pounds Sterling for the Said purpose was read a Second time and

ORDERED to be Committed—

The House resolves into a Committee thereon—

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Johnston from the Committee Reported that they had gone through the Same and made Several amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed—

The House resolves into a Committee on the Estimate—

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to Consider the Estimate of the necessary Charges of Government in the province of Georgia for One year Commencing the 29th September 1767 and ending the 29th September 1768 and after some time Spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Ewen from the Committee reported that they had gone through the Same and Come to Several resolutions which they had

directed him to Report when the House will please to receive the Same.

ORDERED That the report be received to morrow Morning—

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Wednesday 2d March 1768

The Estimate Reported—

Mr Ewen (according to Order) Reported from the Committee of the Whole House to whom it was referred to Consider the Estimate, the resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Table where the same was again Read

Motion that Several Sums be struck of the Estimate

Motion was made that Several Sums usually provided for Services that may be done for the Publick befor the next Session of the Assembly May be Struck off the present Estimate and no provision be made for the Same untill Accounts thereof be laid before the General Assembly—

The Question being put it passed in the affirmative.

the House agrees to the Estimate.

Then the House agreed with the Committee in their Report.

demands against the publick be delivered in—

ORDERED That all persons having demands against the Publick from the 29th of September last past to the 1st day of this Instant March, do deliver in their Accounts properly attested to the Clerk of this House by Friday Next.

The Commissioners for the Light House do lay a State of the same before this House—

ORDERED That the Commissioners for repairing or rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Island, do lay before this House their opinion of the State and Conditions of the Same by to morrow Morning.

a Committee to examine the State of the Funds—

ORDERED That Mr Smith & Mr Simpson be a Committee to examine into the state of the Several Funds appropriated for the repairing or rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Island and report their opinion thereon to the House.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Thursday 3d March 1768.

The Committee Report

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Several Funds appropriated for the repairing or rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Island Reported

They had examined the Same and it appears to them

That there is raised by Transient Trade.....	425..12..10	
and by the Impost on Shipping.....	563.. 1.. 5	
		988..14.. 3
That there has been paid out the Said Funds to the Commissioners of the Loan for Moneys Borrowed to Make repairs	288..18..11	
Paid Lewis Turner for the last repair	110.. –.. –	
		398..18..11
		589..15.. 4

Brought Forward .....589..15.. 4
That there is raised by the Duty on Seasoned
Negroes about the Sum of..... .....110.. 4.. 8

700.. 0.. 0

The Commissioners for the Light House attend— and Report.

The House being informed that the Commissioners for Tybee Light House attended According to Order and Mr Smith one of the Commissioners Acquainted the House that they had lately Viewed the Same and it is their opinion that the Light House is very much out of repair and wants a Considerable sum to be laid out upon it immediately—that it is in a General state of decay & in danger of being undermined by the Sea

That a Bill be Brought in for rebuilding the Light House—

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Commissioners appointed in and and by an Act of the General assembly Intituled "an Act for "laying a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have "been Above Six Months in any of the Islands or Colo-"nies in America & imported for Sale in this Province "and for Appropriating the Same towards the repairing "or rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Island, and "to prevent Negroe Convicts being imported into and "Sold in this province" to rebuild the Said Light House on any part of the Land reserved for the use thereof upon the Said Island, for further Continuing the Said Act and for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £1050 for the Said Purpose to be issued by the Commissioners herein Named and for Sinking the Same and that Mr Ewen & Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

a Committee to Consider of Ways and Means.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to Consider of Ways and Means for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £2438. 17. 6. for defraying the Expence of Government for the ensuing year a Committee was appointed Accordingly—

The Tax Bill Brought in and Read the first time—

RESOLVED. Nem: Con: That a Bill be brought in for raising and Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £3375. 4. 1 for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year 1768 to be raised at Certain rates after the Method therein Mentioned and for the More effectual cullecting of Arrears.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

Mr Simpson from the Said Committee reported that the Said Bill was ready prepared which was received and Read the first time And

ORDERED to be read a Second time —

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Friday 4th March 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Saturday 5th March 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock—

of the prison and the very insufficient State of it (which he humbly presumes is well Known to Many Members of this House) to employ a Number of People to watch the Same at a very Considerable expence which the Memorialist can Make fully appear, by which Means the intention of the Said prisoners was prevented and those Condemned brought to Condign punishment the Memorialist therefore Humbly presumes to hope this House taking the premisses under Consideration will make him such allowance for the Charges sustained therein as it shall think equitable and Just.

The House taking the Said Memorial into Consideration—

Order thereon

ORDERED. That the Sum of £6..6..0 be added to the Estimate as a reward to the Said Mathew Roche for his Extraordinary care and deligence in Securing William Sikes—a Notorious Villain untill the time of his Execution—

A Message from the upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

That the upper House had agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act to impower the Commissioners therein Named to put up to Sale for the Benefit of the Publick the Ferry over great Ogechee river at a place called the Pine Bluff for a Term of Five years and to Authorize the Said Commissioners to inspect and regulate the Same, with Amendments to the last Clause to which the upper house desire the Concurrence of this House

The House took under Consideration the Said Amendments,

A Motion being made that the Said Amendments be disagreed to.

The Question being put it passed in the Negative—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do Acquaint the upper House that this House doth Agree with their House in the amendments made to the Said Bill—

The Bill to encourage Setlers &c. Read the Third time & passed—

The Bill Intituled an Act for Encouraging a Certain Number of Protestants from the Nothern parts of the Kingdom of Ireland to come into this Province within a Limited time and for defraying the expence thereof Was read a third time and passed—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Tuesday March 8th 1768

The Bill for rebuilding the Light House Read the first time—

The Bill Intituled an Act to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General assembly Intituled an Act "for Laying a duty upon Negroes "and other Slaves that have been above Six Months in "any of the Islands or Colonies in America and imported "for Sale in this Province and for appropriating the "same towards the repairing or rebuilding the Light "house on Tybee Island and to prevent Negroe Convicts "being imported into and Sold in this Province"; to rebuild the Said Light House on any part of the Land reserved for the use thereof upon the Said Island—for further Continuing the Said Act and for granting to his Majesty the Sum of £1050 for the Said Purpose to be issued by the Commissioners herein Named and for Sinking the Same was read the first time

ORDERED to be read a Second time—

the Amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Said Bill with the amendments be engrossed.

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Eight of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Wednesday 9th March 1768

The Ordinance for appointing a Comptroller read the Second time.

The Ordinance for appointing Robert Nichols Comptroller and Collector of the Country duties at the port of Sunbury was read a Second time and

ORDERED to be read a Third time—

The Tax Bill Read the Third time & passed—

The Bill for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £3375. 4. 1. for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the year, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight to be raised at certain rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears was read a Third time, and Several amendments were made thereto.

RESOLVED That the Bill with the amendments do pass.

a Committee to inspect the Journals of the upper House—

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to Inspect the Journals of the upper House and make such Extracts therefrom as they may think necessary for the information of this House and Report their opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed Accordingly —And that Mr Simpson do Acquaint the upper House therewith—

The House will provide £100 to enable William Lyford to Build a Pilot Boat—

RESOLVED. That this House will provide the Sum of One Hundred pounds to enable William Lyford to Build a pilot Boat in Lieu of the one lately stolen from him at Cockspur provided the Said Stolen Boat be not returned to him within Nine Months after this date and to be paid him on Condition that he gives a Bond with Security for his Continuance as a pilot in this province for the Term of Two Years after the receipt of the Said Sum and that he do not Sell, or otherwise dispose of said pilot Boat within the Said Term of Two Years which Bond shall be Conditioned that in both or either of the above cases the obligees shall pay or Cause to be paid to the publick Treasurer for the use of the province the Said Sum of One Hundred pounds.

A Message from his Excellency the Governor—

A Message from his Excellency by the Master in Chancery was received and read in the words following Viz^t—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

It gives me Concern [His Majesty's disallowance of Acts—see Minutes of Upper House 9 Mch—ends] in Consequence thereof

JA WRIGHT—Savannah
the 9th March 1768.

another Message from the Governor

Also one other Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery was presented and read in the words following Viz^t—

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

By the last packet [same as in the Upper House March 9. 1768] [ends:—] And for your further information I now send you a Copy of the said Instructions.—

JA^s WRIGHT Savannah
the 9th of March 1768.

ORDERED That the Said Messages do lye upon the Table for the perusal of the Members of this House—

A Message from the upper House.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the Messages sent this day by his Excellency the Governor to this House respecting the Repeal of Certain Acts of the General assembly appear to the upper House to Contain Matters of so great Moment to the province that the Consideration of the Same should by no means be delayed they therefore desire a Conference of both Houses on the Subject matter of the Said Messages to be held in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber at 4 o'Clock this afternoon,

This House agrees in a Conference.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do Acquaint the upper House that this House doth Agree with their House in the proposed Conference.

The House attends accordingly.

Mr Speaker with the whole House joined the upper House in Conference Accordingly and being returned Mr Speaker Reported that the Said Conference was Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

The Bill for rebuilding the Light House Read the second time—

The Bill Intituled an Act to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly "Intituled an Act, for laying a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have been above Six Months "in any of the Islands or Colonies in Amirica and imported for Sale, in this province and for appropriating "the same towards the repairing or rebuilding the Light "House on Tybee Island and to prevent Negroe Convicts being imported into and Sold in this province," to rebuild the Said Light House on any part of the Land reserved for the use thereof upon the Said Island, for further Continuing the Said Act and for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £1050. for the Said purpose to

be issued by the Commissioners herein Named And for Sinking the Same was read a Second time and

ORDERED to be Committed

Another Message from the upper House

One other Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the upper House had agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act for establishing Several Ferrys in this province and for vesting the Same, in the persons therein Mentioned with amendments to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

ORDERED, That Mr Williams have leave of Absence after Friday Next for a fortnight

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Thursday 10th March 1768

ORDERED That Mr Claiborne and Mr Baillie have leave of Absence for a Fortnight—

That Letters be Sent to Several Members—

ORDERED That the Clerk do write to Mr Treutlen, Mr Morgan, Mr Barnard, & Mr McIntosh and inform them that they are required immediately to attend their duty in the House.

A Message from the upper House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the upper house had agreed to a Bill Intituled an Act to amend an Act to empower the Several Commissioners or Surveyors thereafter Named to lay out

and make such publick Roads in the Province of Georgia as are therein after Mentioned and directed and to Continue to work upon Clear, repair, and improve the Several Roads already laid out and also the rivers and Creeks within the Several and respective divisions with Amendments to the Title and Body of Said Bill to which Amendments the upper House desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Ordinance for appointing a Comptroller &c Read the Third time & passed—

The Ordinance for appointing Robert Nichols Esquire Comptroller and Collector for the Country duties at the port of Sunbury was read a Third time and passed—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Ordinance to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

The House agrees to the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill for establishing Several Ferrys in this province—

The House took into Consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Bill Intituled An Act for establishing Several Ferrys in this Province and for vesting the Same in the Persons therein Mentioned—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson to Acquaint the upper House that this House doth agree to the Said Amendments.

the House attend in Conference—

Mr Speaker with the House (According to Adjournment) attended the upper House in Conference, and being returned Mr Speaker Reported that the Said Conference was further Adjourned till to morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

and

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Friday 11th March 1768.

Report

Mr Speaker with the House (According to Adjournment) attended the upper House in Conference. and being returned Mr Speaker Reported, That it was agreed at the Said Conference that a Bill should be brought in for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Tryal of Negroes and other Slaves directing the Mode of Evidence and Tryal and for the punishment of Crimes and offences Committed by them

The House took the Said Report into Consideration and

Order thereon.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill agreeable thereto and that Mr Simpson Mr Smith and Mr Johnston be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Saturday 12th March 1768.

The House met according to Adjournment & then Adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Monday 14th March 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Tuesday 15th March 1768

Several Bills laid aside by the upper House

Mr Jones from the Committee Appointed to examine the Journals of the upper House and Make such extracts therefrom as they may think necessary for the information of this House—Reported that the Bill for the encouragement of a Certain Number of protestants from the Northern parts of Ireland, and the Bill for amending the Negroe Act were laid aside in Consequence of the repeal of the Acts upon which they were founded, and that the Second reading of the ordinance appointing Charles Garth Esquire Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain was pusponed till the first Tuesday in July Next

That there is an absolute necessity for an agent.—

RESOLVED That it appears to this House that there is an absolute necessity to appoint an Agent to Solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain and as the Ordinance which passed the house for appointing Charles Garth Esquire to that Office is laid aside by the upper House therefore.

An Ordinance for appointing one, Read the first time—

ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Solicit the affairs of this Province in Great Britain and that Mr Gibbons and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same—

Mr Gibbons from the Said Committee Reported that the Said Ordinance was ready prepared which was received and read the first time &

ORDERED to be read a Second time

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Wednesday 16th March 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Thursday 17th March 1768

The Negroe Bill Read the first time—

Mr Simpson from the Committee Appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill Intituled An Act for Establishing a Jurisdiction for The Tryal of Negroes and other Slaves and other persons therein Mentioned, directing the Mode of Evidence and Tryal, for the punishment of Crimes and offences Committed by them and also for making other necessary regulations relating to such Slaves and other persons Reported that they had prepared the Said Bill which was received and Read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a second time—

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Friday 18th March 1768

Read the Second time—

The Bill Intituled an Act for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Tryal of Negroes and other Slaves and other persons therein Mentioned directing the Mode of Evidence and Tryal & for the punishment of Crimes and offences Committed by them and also for making other

Necessary regulations relating to such Slaves and other persons was read a Second time and Ordered to be Committed—

The House resolves into a Committee thereon—

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee Reported that they had made some progress therein and was directed to move for leave to Sit again—

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to Sit Again.

And then the house Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Saturday 19th March 1768.

The House Met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Monday 21st March 1768.

The House resolves into a Committee on the Negroe Bill—

The House resolved itself into a Committee further to Consider the Bill Intituled an Act for Establishing a Jurisdiction of the Tryal of Negroes and other Slaves and other persons therein Mentioned directing the Mode of Evidence and Tryal and for the Punishment of Crimes and offences Committed by them and also for Making other necessary regulations relating to such Slaves and other persons

And after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Simpson from the Committee Reported—that they had gone through the Same and made Several amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again Read and Agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Said Bill with the amendments be engrossed—

The House is informed of a Letter from Mr. Garth—

Mr Speaker from the Committee of Correspondence informed the House that they had received a Letter from Charles Garth Esquire which he presented to the House and the Same was received and Read—

the Consideration thereof is postponed

ORDERED That the Consideration thereof be posponed till Wednesday next

That an Address be prepared for the Governor

ORDERED That Mr Simpson Mr N. W. Jones and Mr Smith be appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency in Answer to his Messages of the 9th March 1768

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Tuesday 22d March 1768.

The House met According to Adjournment and then Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Wednesday 23d March 1768.

the Negroe Bill Read the Third time & passed.

The Bill Intituled an Act for establishing a Jurisdiction for the Tryal of Negroes and other Slaves and other persons therein Mentioned directing the Mode of evidence and Tryal and for punishment of Crimes and offences Committed by them and also for making other Necessary regulations relating to such Slaves and other persons being ingrossed was read a Third time and passed.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the upper House.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

That the upper House had Agreed to an Ordinance for appointing Robert Nichols Esqr Comptroller and Collector of the Country duties at the port of Sunbury without amendments.

Mr. Garth's Letter Considered and

The Order of the day being read the House took under Consideration Mr Garths Letter to the Committee of Correspondence.

Resolved—

RESOLVED That a Message be Sent to the upper House desiring a free Conference on the Subject Matter of Said Letter.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do Acquaint the upper House therewith

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Thursday 24th March 1768.

a Bill for Continuing Several Laws read the first time.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for Continuing several Laws therein Mentioned and that Sir Patrick Houstoun and Mr Cochran be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

Sir Patrick Houstoun from the Said Committee Reported that the Said Bill was ready prepared which Was received and read the first time and.

ORDERED to be read a Second time—

A Message from the upper house

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery in answer to the Message from this House of Yesterday—

That the upper house being always ready to Confer with this House on every Matter that may be thought important or of Moment to this province do agree to the free Conference requested to be held in the room Adjoining the Council Chamber immediately

Attend the upper House in Conference

Mr Speaker with the whole House Accordingly attendended the upper house in the Said Conference and being returned Mr Speaker Reported that the upper House were of opinion that the Objections formerly made by their House to the appointment of Mr Garth as Agent for the province still subsisted—and that there: were Additional circumstances since, which in their Opinion rendered it incompatible for him to Serve this Province in that Capacity—

The House took the said Report into Consideration and

Instruction to the Committee of Correspondence—

RESOLVED That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Correspondence of this House with Mr Garth that they do Acquaint him that having had a Conference with the upper House on the Subject Matter of the Letter received from him dated the 27th November 1767 the upper House were of opinion that the objections formerly maid by their House to his Appointment as Agent for this province Still subsisted and Consequently did apprehend it incompatable for him to Act as Agent for both provinces notwithstanding which this House has the highest opinion of his Merit Sincerity and abilities, no Man would have the unanimous Consent of the people of Georgia for transacting their Business in Great Britain in preference to Mr Garth but as this House find it absolutely necessary to appoint an Agent to Solicit the Royal approbation of Sundry Acts and other Business essentialy for the welfare of the province and finding the impracticability of obtaining the Concurrence of the Council from the reasons they Assigned and being doubtful whether a person appointed without an Act of Legislation might be of so much Service in the present exigency, rather choose to wave the appointment of Mr Garth than expose the province to the evils that may arise from the want of an Agent.

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency in Answer to his Messages of the 9th of March 1768 Reported that they had prepared the Same which was received and read.

RESOLVED That the House will immediately Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take the Said Address into Consideration

The House resolves into a Committee

The House resolved itself into a Committee Accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Bulloch from the Committee

Reported that they had gone through the Same and made Several amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Address with the Amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again Read—

ORDERED that the Said Address with the amendments be engrossed—

An Address to the Governor— The same being ready engrossed was Read to the House in the words following— Viz[t]—

To his Excellency James Wright Esquire Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the province of Georgia Chancelor and Vice Admiral of the Same.

The Address of the Commons House of Assembly of the Said province—

May it Please your Excellency

The House having taken into its Serious Consideration your Excellency's Messages of the 9th Instant wherein is mentioned his Majesty's Royal disapprobation of the Act for the better Ordering and Governing of Negroes and other Slaves and of the Act for encouraging of Settlers to Come into this province and for building a Court House in Savannah it is with the greatest anxiety and Concern that the House receives that [(sic)] the House receives Notice of the repeal of these Acts but more especially the Negro Act Circumstanced as the province is your Excellency must be Convinced of the indispensible necessity there is for a particular Act for the regulation of Slaves and for the Trial and punishment of Crimes that may be Committed by them without which this House is Apprehensive that not only the properties but the Lives of his Majesties Subjects will be in the utmost danger—

From the Repeal of the other Act it is to be presumed that should a Number of Settlers come in upon the faith of Said Act notwithstanding the repeal the expences that would Consequently ensue upon the Inhabitants of this province by Making immediate provision in the General Tax would be more than their Circumstances could conveniently admit of, if therefore any method can be fallen on to extricate them from so great a difficulty the House trusts from your Excellencys Known Zeal for the Welfare and Credit of the province that you will Chearfully Concur in such a Measure— In answer to your Excellencys Second Message relative to his Majesties Royal additional Instruction dated at Saint James's the 11th day of September last, The House begs Leave to assure your Excellency that it will take the same into its most Serious Consideration.

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do Sign the Said address.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr Bulloch do wait on his Excellency and present the Said address.

The Ordinance for appointing an Agent red a Second time—

The Ordinance for appointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain was read a Second time and

ORDERED to be read a third time—

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Friday 25th March 1768.

Mr Speaker informed the House he had received a

Mr. Bowen Thanks the House—

Letter from Mr Samuel Bowen returning thanks to this House for the benefits he had received by their recommendation of him to Charles Garth Esquire.

the Committee appointed to wait on the Governor, wth. an address, Reported that his Excellency was pleased to say &c.

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor with the address of this House of Yesterday Reported they had presented the Same to which his Excellency was pleased to answer that he would as far as lay in his power chearfully concur in every Measure that might promote or tend to the Advantage and Welfare of the province—

The Bill for continuing several Laws, read a Second time—

The Bill for Continuing Several Laws therein Mentioned was read a Second time and

ORDERED to be Engrossed

The ordinance for appointing an agent Read the third time & passed—

The Ordinance for appointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain was read a Third time and passed—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Ordinance to the upper House and desire their Concurrence—

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.

Saturday 26th March 1768.

The House met According to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Next, Ten of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday 28th March 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 29th March 1768.

The Bill for Continuing Several Laws Read the third time.

The Bill Intituled an Act for Continuing Several Laws that are near expiring was read a Third time and passed

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence—

A Committee to examine the Bills &c.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson and Mr N: W: Jones be a Committee to Join a Committee from the upper House to examine the Several Bills for the Governors assent.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 30th March 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 31st March 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 1st April 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday 2d April 1768.

The House Met according to adjournment & then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday 4th April 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Tuesday 5th April 1768—

A Message from the upper House

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

That the upper House had agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act for Continuing Several Laws, that are near expiring without amendments

Also agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act for establishing a Jurisdiction for the tryal of Negroes and other

Slaves and other persons therein Mentioned directing the mode of Evidence and tryal and for the punishment of Crimes and offences Committed by them and also for making other necessary regulations relating to such Slaves and other persons with amendments to which amendments the desire the Concurrence of this House

And also agreed to an Ordinance for appointing Benjamin Franklin Esquire agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain with an amendment to which amendment they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House took into Consideration the amendments made by the upper House to the Said Bill and Ordinance and agreed to the Same.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun do acquaint the upper House that this House doth agree wth their House in the Said amendments,

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Wednesday 6th April 1768.

The Tax Bill Carryed to the upper House—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do carry the Bill for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £3375.. 4.. 1 for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein Mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears, to the upper House and desire their Concurrence

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Thursday 7th April 1768—

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

A Message from the upper House

That the upper House had agreed to the Bill for Granting to his Majesty the Sum of £3375.. 4.. 1.. for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight to be raised at Certain rates and after the Method therein Mentioned and for the More effectual Collecting of arrears without amendments.

Another Message

And also another Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery

That a Bill, Intituled "an Act for Establishing a "Jurisdiction for the Trial of Negroes and other Slaves "and other persons therein Mentioned directing the Mode "of Evidence and Trial and for the punishment of "Crimes and offences Committed by them and also for "Making other Necessary regulations relating to Such "Slaves & other persons" having been framed and passed both Houses for the purpose of averting the distress this province Might otherwise be involved in by his Majestie's royal disallowance and repeal of the Act heretofore passed. Intituled "an Act for the better Or-"dering and Governing Negroes and other Slaves in this "Province"—The upper House desires that this House will appoint a Committee to Join a Committee of their House in drawing up an Address of both Houses to be presented to his Excellency the Governor that he will be pleased to give his Assent to the Law so prepared and passed—

Consideration thereof—

The House took the said Message into Consideration and Resolved that a Committee be appointed to Join a Committee of the upper House to draw up an address to his Excellency the Governor agreeable to the Said Message and a Committee was appointed accordingly—

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do acquaint the upper House therewith—

Instruction to the Committee of Correspondence

RESOLVED That it be a further Instruction to the Committee formerly appointed to Correspond with Charles Garth Esquire that they do answer his Letter of the 27th November 1767 and transmit Such Minutes of the proceedings of this House as relate to him and also to demand, receive and transmit the sum provided for him by the Tax Act of last year and acquaint him of the appointment of Benjamin Franklin Esquire to be agent for this Province—

And then the House adjourned till to-Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Friday 8th April 1768.

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Saturday 9th April 1768.

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Monday 11th April 1768.

Report from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the upper House

Mr Simpson from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the upper House to draw up an address to his Excellency the Governor that he would be pleased to give his Assent to the Bill passed both houses this Session, Intituled "an Act for establishing a Jurisdiction "for the Trial of Negroes and other Slaves and other per-"sons therein Mentioned, directing the mode of evidence "and Trial and for the punishment of Crimes and of-"fences committed by them and also for Making other "necessary regulations relating to such Slaves and other "persons" Reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read and agreed to by the House.

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

A Message from the upper House—

That the upper House upon the Report from the Committee of their House appointed to Join a Committee of this House in preparing an Address to his Excellency the Governor that he would be pleased to give his Assent to the Bill passed both Houses this Session Intituled "an Act for establishing a Jurisdiction "for the Trial of Negroes and other Slaves and other "persons therein Mentioned directing the Mode of Evi-"dence and Trial and for the punishment of Crimes and "offences Committed by them and also for Making other "necessary regulations relating to such Slaves and other "persons," had agreed to the address So prepared

ORDERED That Mr Simpson do acquaint the upper House that this House doth agree with their House in the Said address.

ORDERED That the said Address be engrossed—

An Address to the Governor— The Said address being engrossed was read to the House in the words following Viz^t

[Same as in the Journal of the Upper House 11 April 1768]

ORDERED, That Mr Speaker do Sign the same & that it be presented to his Excellency both both Houses

ORDERED That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor to request he would be pleased to dissolve the General Assembly as soon as the Business of this Session is finished

The Address being prepared was received and read, and Agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the said address be engrossed—

An Address to the Governor— The Said Address being engrossed was read to the House in the Words following Viz^t

To his Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General Governor and Commander in chief in and over the province of Georgia Chancelor and Vice admiral of the Same—

The Address of the Commons House of Assembly of the Said province

May it please your Excellency

This House beg leave to represent to your Excellency that this present assembly having done the Business of Four Sessions and there being No provision made in the Election Law for Limiting its duration are therefore under the necessity of earnestly requesting your Excellency to dissolve the General Assembly when the Business of this Session is finished

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do Sign the Same,

The same presented to the Governor & his answer.

ORDERED That Sir Patrick Houstoun & Mr Simpson do wait upon his Excellency the Governor and present the Said Address and Accordingly they withdrew and being returned Mr Simpson Reported that the Governor was pleased to say that he did not think it so proper to dissolve the House upon the last years application as they had Not served Three years, but now he had no objections to it,

Instruction to the Committee of Correspondence

RESOLVED that the Committee of Correspondence to Acquaint Benjamin Franklin Esqr that the General assembly have appointed him, Agent to Solicit the affairs of this province in Great Britain and that they do transmit him his appointment under the provincial Seal, and that they do also instruct Mr Franklin to use his utmost endeavours in procuring a repeal of the Late Act of Parliament for imposing duties on Sundry Articles imported into the Colonies from Great Britain

A Message from the Governor—

A Message from his Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery desiring the immediate attendance of this House in the Council Chamber—

The House attend the Governor in the Council Chamber—

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the Whole House went to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber when the Address of both houses was presented and read to his Excellency by the president of the Council to which he was pleased to return the following Answer Vizt

The Governors answer to the address of both Houses.

[Same as in the Journal of Upper House 11 Apr 1768]

[at the end of this copy is:—] JA WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia in the Council Chamber the 11th of April 1768—

His Excellency assents to several Bills—

And then his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Acts Viz[t]

[For enumeration of these Acts, differently arranged, see Journal of Upper House 11 April 1768]

And then his Excellency was pleased to enquire whether the House had any further to do and being answered in the Negative by M[r] Speaker,

The Assembly dissolved—

Then he was pleased to say. Gentlemen by Virtue of the power vested in me by his Majesty and by the advice of his Majesties Council I Do hereby dissolve the General assembly of this province and the same is dissolved Accordingly—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

GEORGIA.

Journal of the Proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Session of the sixth (sic) General Assembly of the said Province Convened at the Town of Savannah on Monday the Seventh day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Eight by his Exc[y] James Wright Esq[r] Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same

A true Copy from the Original Journals
Compared and Examined
℘ Jn[o] Simpson C Dom: Com:

Great Seal taken off by S. B.

Journal of the proceedings of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia at the first Session

of the Sixth General Assembly Convened at the Town of Savannah on Monday the Seventh day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Eight by His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province aforesaid Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same.

The Master in Chancery delivered to John Simpson Esqr Clerk of the Commons House of Assembly by order of His Exc^y the Governor (after administering the Oaths of Office to him before His Excellency in Council) a Commission directed to Alexander Wylly Noble Wimberly Jones, John Millege and Archibald Bulloch Esq^rs the Members Elected and Returned to Serve in General Assembly for the Town and District of Savannah which Commission is in the following Words Viz^t

GEORGIA

By His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majestys said Province of Georgia Chancillor and Vice Admiral of the Same

To Alexander Wylly Noble Wimberly Jones John Millege and Archibald Bulloch Esq^rs Greeting

Commission for Qualifying Members.

Whereas His most sacred Majesty in and by His Royal Commission to me under the Great Seal of Great Britain hath amongst other things directed that the several Persons duely Elected to serve as Members of the General Assembly of this Province shall before their sitting take the Oaths mentioned and appointed to be taken by an "Act passed in the first Year of the Reign of His late "Majesty King George the first "Intituled an Act for "the further Security of His Majestys Person and Gov-"ernment and the Succession of the Crown in the Heirs

"of the late Princess Sophia being Protestants and for "extinguishing the hopes of the Pretended Prince of "Wales and His open and Secret Abettors" and Whereas the said Act was altered by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain made in the Sixth Year of the reign of Our Sovereign Lord the King that now is, Intituled "An Act "for altering the Oath of Abjuration and the Assurance "and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh "year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne Intituled "An Act for the improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms as after the time therein limited requires the delivery of Certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons indicted of High Treason or Misprision of Treason." And Where the said Persons so Elected are required also to make and subscribe the Declaration mentioned in an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second Intituled "An Act for preventing dangers which may happen from Popish Recusants" which said Oaths (in the form prescribed by the Act of Parliament last above mentioned) and the Declaration aforesaid I am fully authorized and empowered to Commissionate fit Persons under the Seal of the Province aforesaid to Tender and Administer to the said several Persons so Elected and it is by His Majestys Royal Commission and Instructions declared that until the same be so taken and Subscribed, No Person shall be capable of Sitting tho' Elected I therefore reposing special trust and confidence in the Integrity Care and Circumspection of you the said Alexander Wylly, Noble Wimberly Jones John Millege and Archibald Bulloch have Commissionated and Appointed and pursuant to the powers Vested in me as aforesaid Do give unto you or any two or more of you full power and Authority to tender and Administer the Oaths in the last mentioned Act of Parliament Contained and also the declaration above mentioned unto the several Persons

Elected or that may hereafter be Elected to serve as Members of the General Assembly aforesaid and to see them severally Subscribe the said declaration when and as often as the same shall be requisite and Necessary to be done. And you the said Alexander Wylly, Noble Wimberly Jones, John Millege and Archibald Bulloch are hereby required to make a due return of your proceedings by virtue of this Commission from time to time unto me under your hands and Seals with the Names of Such Members as have been duly qualified before you as aforesaid This Commission to Continue during Pleasure

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of His Majesty's said Province of Georgia the Seventh day of November in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Eight and in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King George the Third.

Signed

L. S. JAMES WRIGHT

Secretarys Office
By His Excellencys
Command

Thomas Moodie D^y Secr^y

A Sufficient number of Members not meeting the Clerk took the Chair and adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Martis 8 die Novembris 1768

A sufficient number of Members not meeting the Clerk took the Chair and adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Mercurii 9 Die Novembris 1768

A sufficient number of Members not meeting the Clerk took the Chair and adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Jovis 10 Die Novembris 1768

The following members met Viz[t]

Noble Wimberly Jones, John Milledge, Archibald Bulloch } Esq[rs] for the Town and district of Savanna in the Parish of Christ Church

John Mullryne Esq[r] for the Islands of Wilmington, Tybee, Skidoway and Green Island in the Parish of Christ Church.

Josiah Tatnall, William Ewen, William Young } Esq[rs] for the district of Ebenezer and Parish of S[t] Matthew.

Edward Telfair Esq[r] for the district of Augusta and parish of S[t] Paul

Henry Bourquin Esq[r] for the district of Little Ogechee

John Smith } Esq^rs for the district of Medway and
Peter Salens } parish of St John

Philip Box Esqr for the Town of Vernonburgh in the parish of Christ Church—

Sundry Members Qualify

They severally took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and proved themselves duely Qualified to serve as Representatives according to the terms prescribed in and by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province passed the Twenty Ninth day of June 1761 Intituled "An Act to ascertain the manner and form of Electing Members to Represent the Inhabitants of this Province in the Commons House of Assembly, and then took their seats.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Gentlemen

Message from the Governor

His Excellency the Governor has ordered me to acquaint you that you have his Leave and direction to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

Gentlemen

House adjourned by the Governor

I do hereby adjourn the Commons House of Assembly to monday the 14th day of this Instant November then to meet for the dispatch of Business and it is hereby accordingly adjourned to the 14th of this Instant.

Given under my hand at Savannah this 10th Novem^r 1768.

JA^s WRIGHT

To the Members of the
Commons House of Assembly

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Lunæ 14 Die Novembris 1768.

Several Members met and adjourned till to-morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Martis 15 Die Novembris 1768

The Members chuse a Speaker

The several Members present proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker and unanimously Elected Noble Wimberly Jones Esqr to be their Speaker and He was accordingly Conducted to the Chair.

Inform the Governor that they had chose a Speaker

Mr Smith and Mr Ewen were ordered to attend His Excellency the Governor and acquaint him that the members had made Choice of a Speaker and desire to Know when they should attend His Excellency to present him who returning Reported that his Excellency was pleased to say immediately

present their Speaker and is approved of.

Mr Smith and Mr Ewen were appointed a Committee to attend His Excellency with the Speaker Elect and present him for His Excellencys approbation who was pleased to approve him.

The Speaker returns and informs the House of his request to His Excellency

And then Mr Speaker informed the House he had desired His Excellency would be pleased to Grant that this House of Assembly may have freedom of speech as by right and of Custom they used to have and all their just privileges and Liberties allowed them, and that in any thing he should deliver in the Name of the House if he Committed any mistake, it may not be imputed to the House, but that he may Resort again to them for a dec-

laration of their true intent and meaning, And that as often as His Majestys service or the good of the Province shall require He might by direction of the House have free Access to His Excellency to which His Excellency was pleased to answer that he would Grant them every Right and Privilege they could justly Claim that was in his power to Grant, and that the Speaker should have free access to His Person whenever the Business of the Assembly or any other Publick matter might require it

Mr Speaker further Reported that he had Attended His Excellency with the whole House and that His Excellency was pleased to make an Affectionate speech to both Houses of Assembly of which to prevent mistakes he had Obtained a Copy and the same was read in the words following Vizt

The Governors speech at the opening of the Sessions.

[For transcript see Journal of Upper House 15 Nov 68]

Resolution to present an address of thanks to the Governor for his speech

RESOLVED Nem: Con: That an humble Address of thanks be presented to His Excellency for His speech to both Houses of Assembly to inform him that We will take into our Serious Consideration what he has been pleased to Communicate to us of His Majesty's gracious pleasure in leaving the Indian trade to be regulated by the Colonies and that their Legislatures respectively may frame proper Laws for that purpose. Also for securing peace and good order between the Inhabitants and Indians by preventing any encroachment beyond the Boundary Line or frauds & abuses in dealings with them. That We retain a gratefull Sense of His Excellencys favourable representation on which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give his Royal approbation of His appropriating for a time £300 out of the Powder fund towards building the Lazaretto and authorizing His Excellency

to sign Grants for Lands in Townships exempt from Quit Rents for the term of Ten Years, as also permitting him to pass such a Law for the Government and regulation of Negroes and other Slaves as His Excellency shall Judge best adapted to the Policy and Local Circumstances of this Province. That We will take into our serious Consideration what His Excellency recommends respecting the Tax Bill and give that dispatch therein as may appear most suitable to the circumstances of Our Constituents To Assure His Excellency that no Letter of any Public Nature has been laid before or presented to this House, and that We entertain the Strictest Loyalty and attachment to Our most Gracious Sovereign, and that We will immediately apply to the Business of the Province To thank His Excellency for his Kind offer of Concurrence on any Bill or other matters which may Occur to the Assembly to be of Salutary Consequences to this Province requiring the Aid of the Legislature

a Comm. appointed for that purpose.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to be presented to His Excellency upon the said Resolution and a Committee was appointed accordingly

ORDERED That His Excellency the Governor's Speech be referred to the said Committee

A Committee of Privileges and Elections appointed

ORDERED That a Committee of Priveleges and Elections be appointed. And a Committee was appointed accordingly and they are to meet as often as there is Occasion and all who come are to have Voices and they are to take into Consideration all such matters as shall or may Come in question touching Returns, Elections & Priveleges and to proceed upon double Returns in the first place and to report their proceedings with their Opinions thereupon to the House from time to time and

all Persons who will question any Returns are to do it within fourteen days next and so within fourteen days next after any New return shall be brought in and the Committee are to have power to send for Persons Papers and records for their information, and all Members who are returned for two or more places are to make their Election by this day three Weeks for which of the places they will serve provided there be no question upon the Return for that place, and if any thing shall come in Question touching the Return, Election or matter of Privelege of any Member He is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate, and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their returns are determined—

And then the House adjourned till tomorrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Mercurii 16 Die Novembris 1768.

Petition of John Moret &ca

A Petition of John Moret and Samuel Jones was presented to the House and read Complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Parish of S[t] Andrew

ORDERED That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Priveleges and Elections and that they do Examine the matter thereof and report the same with their opinion thereupon to the House.

Comm. report the Address to the Governor

M[r] Smith from the Committee appointed yesterday to draw up an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor reported that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly which they had directed him to report to the House and He read the same in his place

and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and Agreed to by the House—

ORDERED That the Address be Ingrossed

And then the House Adjourned till tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Jovis 17 Die Novembris 1768

The Ingrossed Address to His Excellency the Governor was read in the Words following Viz[t]

Address to His Excellency in answer to his Speech

To His Excellency James Wright Esq[r] Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly.

May it please Your Excellency

We his Majesty's dutifull and loyal Subjects the Commons of Georgia in General Assembly met return Your Excellency thanks for your speech at opening the Sessions, Wherein you inform us of His Majesty's gracious pleasure in leaving the Indian Trade to be regulated by the Colonies and that their Legislatures respectively may frame proper Laws for that purpose, also for securing Peace and good order between the Inhabitants and Indians by preventing any encroachment beyond the Boundary Line of frauds and abuses in dealings with them, Which we shall as recomminded by Your Excellency take into our serious Consideration.

We retain a grateful sense of Your Excellencys favourable Representation on which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to give His Royal approbation of Your appropriating for a time three hundred pounds out of the Powder fund towards building the Lazaretto and authorizing your Excellency to sign grants for Lands in Townships exempt from quit Rents for the term of Ten Years as also permitting you to pass such a Law for the Government and regulation of Negroes and other Slaves as Your Excellency shall Judge best adapted to the Policy and Local Circumstances of this Province

We shall chearfully take into our serious Consideration what Your Excellency recommends respecting the Tax Bill and give that dispatch therein as may appear most suitable to the Circumstances of Our Constituents.

We beg leave to assure Your Excellency that No Letter of any Publick Nature has been laid before or presented to this House And Be assured Sir that We entertain the Strictest Loyalty and Attachment to Our most Gracious Sovereign and shall immediately apply to the Business of the Province

We thank Your Excellency for your Kind Offer of Concurrence in any Bill or other matters which may Occur to the Assembly to be of Salutary Consequences to this Province requiring the aid of the Legislature.

By order of the House

NOBLE WIMBERLY JONES, Speaker

Commons House of Assembly }
17th Novemr 1768}

RESOLVED That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the Whole House.

Committee appd. to Know when his Excellency will receive the address

ORDERED That Mr Bulloch and Mr Ewen do wait on His Excellency the Governor and acquaint him that this House having an Address to present desire to Know His pleasure when He will be waited on therewith, accordingly they withdrew and being returned Mr Bulloch reported His Excellency was pleased to say He should be ready to receive the House immediately.

The House present their address,

Then Mr Speaker with the whole House went to attend His Excellency with their address and being returned Mr Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency and presented their Address to which His Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer Vizt

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

The Governors answer

I thank you for this Address which is so declarative of Your Loyalty and attachment to His Majesty and the just sense you have of His Beneficent regard for His Subjects in this Province, also of Your disposition to apply immediately to Business, and I trust that your Conduct on all occasions will be Tempered with such a degree of Prudence and Obedience to the King and regard to the Laws and Sovereignty of Great Britain as will Cherish and increase the Confidence His Majesty has in Your Affections and evince the reality of them.

My thanks are also due to you Gentlemen for the favourable opinion You are pleased to entertain of my Conduct and you may rely on it that my best endeavours are and shall be exerted to promote the true Interest and happiness of this Province.

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
17th Novemr 1768

Comm. appointed to examine what Laws are expired &ca.

ORDERED That Mr William Young Mr Ewen and Mr Box be a Committee to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring and which of them are proper to be revived or Continued and report the same with their opinion thereon to the House

The Clerk ordered to write Letters to several Members.

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Letters to the several Gentlemen who have been Elected to serve as Representatives in the General Assembly and have not yet appeared to qualify acquainting that the House requires their immediate attendance.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Veneris 18 Die Novembris 1768

Comm appointed to inspect the State of the Light House.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to inspect the present state of the Light House on Tybee Island and report their Opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly

Leave given to bring in a Night Watch Bill for Savannah.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for establishing and regulating a Night Watch in the Town of Savannah and that Mr Millege Mr Telfair Mr Bulloch Mr Ewen and Mr Box be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

RESOLVED That this House will attend Mr Speaker to divine Service on Sunday next.

ORDERED That Mr Telfair and Mr Ewen do wait on the Reverend Mr Frink and acquaint him therewith.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for

Regulating Indian Trade Leave given to bring in a Bill for that purpose

regulating the Indian Trade, for preventing Persons encroaching or trespassing on Lands of the Indians, also for the Control and punishment of Frauds and abuses that may be Committed by Persons trading with the Indians and that Mr Ewen Mr Millege Mr Smith Mr Telfair and Mr William Young be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same—

Wm. Grœme Esqr not qualified to take his seat

William Grœme Esqr elected and returned to serve in General Assembly one of the Representatives for Halifax and parish of St George being Called upon to prove himself duly qualified to serve according to the terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province declared that he could not as he had not been Resident of this Province Twelve months before the date of the Writ of Election upon which he was returned Wherefore His Seat was deemed Vacant.

John Simpson Esqr declines taking his Seat

John Simpson Esqr Elected and returned to serve in General Assembly as Representative for the Town of Frederica and parish of St James being Called upon to qualify declined taking his Seat Having a Commission for being Clerk of this House.

Address ordered to be presented to the Governor that he will be pleased to order Writs of Election.

ORDERED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor desiring He will be pleased to give orders for issuing Writs of Election for two Members Vizt One for Halifax and parish of St George in the room of William Grœme Esqr He not being qualified to Serve as a Representative not having been resident in this Province Twelve months before the date of the Writ of Election upon which he was returned and one for the Town of Frederica and parish of St James in the room of John Simpson Esqr he having declined taking his Seat as he had a Commission for being Clerk of this House

And then the House adjourned till to-Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Sabbati 19 Novembris 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Lunæ 21 Novembris 1768

Mr. Le Conte takes his Seat.

William Le Conte Esqr Elected and returned for the district of Great Ogechee and parish of St Philip proved himself duly qualified to serve as a Representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province and then took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House.

The Address to His Excellency ordered on Friday last being read was agreed to by the House

Address to the Governor for issuing New Writs of Election presented

ORDERED That Mr Young and Mr Telfair do wait on His Excellency the Governor therewith and accordingly they withdrew and being returned Mr Young reported they had waited on His Excellency and presented the Address to which His Excellency was pleased to answer that He would give orders for issuing the Writs immediately

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Martis 22 Die Novembris 1768

Rules of the former House confirmed

RESOLVED That the several Rules entered upon the Journal Novem^r 27th 1764 be further Continued as the Standing Rules of this House

Leave given to bring in a Bill for amending the Election Law

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intituled "An Act to ascertain the manner "and form of Electing Members to represent the Inhabi-"tants of this Province in the Commons House of As-"sembly," and that Mr Bulloch Mr Millege and Mr Tel-fair be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same

Leave given to bring in an Amendment to Beef and Pork &ca Act.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intituled "An Act to prevent frauds and "deceits in Selling Beef, Pork Pitch Tar Turpentine and "firewood" and that Mr Telfair and Mr Bullock be a Comm to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned 'till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock—

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Mercurii, 28 (sic) Die Novembris 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Jovis 24 Die Novembris 1768

Mr Telfair from the Committee appointed to inspect

Report of the Comm on the State of the Light House

the State of the Light House upon Tybee Island reported that the Committee had viewed the Same and that it was their Opinion it stood in need of a very Considerable repair that it was in à general State of decay and in danger of being undermined by the Sea.

The House took the said report into Consideration and

Bill for Building a New Light House resolved upon

RESOLVED That a Bill be brought in to Impower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intituled "An Act for laying a duty upon "Negroes and other Slaves that have been above Six "months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America "and Imported for Sale in this Province and for appro-"priating the same towards the repairing or rebuilding "the Light House on Tybee Island and to prevent Negroe "Convicts being Imported into and Sold in this Province" to build a New Light House on any part of the Land reserved for the use thereof upon the said Island, and also for procuring an Accurate Survey and Chart of the Sea Coasts and Inlets of this Province and publishing the Same and for Granting to His Majesty the Sum of Two thousand Two hundred pounds for the said purposes and for appointing and Impowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for that Sum and for sinking the Same and for further Continuing the Acts herein aftermentioned and that Mr Smith and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

said Bill read the first time.

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to prepare the said Bill reported that the same was ready prepared which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Veneris 25 Die Novembris 1768

The following messages from His Excellency the Governor together with the Papers therein mentioned were presented to the House by the Master in Chancery.

And the said messages were read in the words following Viz[t]

M[r]·Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Message from the Governor with the Estimate &c.

N° 1. I now send you the usual Estimate

[For transcript see Journal of Upper House 24 Nov 68.]

[ends] for your Consideration.

JAMES WRIGHT

Novem[r] 24th 1768

M[r] Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

Message from the Governor with report of the Lords of Trade against the Negroe Law.

N° 2. I have sent you the Report

[For transcript see Journal of Upper House 24 Nov 68.]

[ends] See Laws of Virginia Fo 169

JAMES WRIGHT
24 Nov[r] 1768.

And then the Titles of the said papers were severally Read.

ORDERED That the said Messages and Papers do lye

on the Table for the perusal of the Members of this House.

Light House Bill read a Second time

The Bill intituled an Act to Impower the Commission[rs] appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intituled "An Act for laying a duty upon Negroes and "other Slaves that have been above Six months in any "of (sic) Islands or Colonies in America and Imported "for Sale in this Province and for appropriating the same "towards the Repairing or Rebuilding the Light House "on Tybee Island and to prevent Negroe Convicts being "Imported into and sold in this Province" To build a New Light House on any part of the Land reserved for the use thereof, upon the said Island and also for procuring an Accurate Survey and Chart of the Sea Coasts and Inlets of this Province and publishing the Same and for Granting to His Majesty the Sum of Two thousand Two hundred Pounds for the said purposes and for appointing and Impowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for that Sum and for sinking the Same and for further Continuing the Acts herein after mentioned was read a Second time and

ORDERED to be Committed

said Bill Committed in part.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Smith from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that He was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again

Mr Telfair from the Committee appointed to prepare

Amendment to Beef Pork &c. Bill read first time.

and bring in a Bill for amending an Act Intituled "An "Act to prevent frauds and deceits in Selling Beef Pork "Pitch Tar Turpentine and firewood" reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Sabbati 26 Die Novembris 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Lunæ 28 Die Novembris 1768

Further Commitment of the Light House Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into further Consideration the Bill Intituled "An Act to Impower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intituled "An Act for lay-"ing a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that have "been above Six months in any of the Islands in America "and Imported for Sale in this Province and for appro-"priating the Same towards the repairing or Rebuilding "the Light House on Tybee Island and to prevent Negroe "Convicts being imported into and Sold in this Province" To Build a New Light House on any part of the Land reserved for the use thereof upon the said Island and also for procuring and publishing an Accurate Survey and Chart of the Sea Coasts and Inlets of this Province and for Granting to His Majesty the Sum of Two thousand Two Hundred pounds for the said purposes and for ap-

pointing and Impowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for that Sum and for sinking the Same and for further Continuing the Acts herein after mentioned and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Smith from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and gone through the Same and made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed

Amendment to Beef Pork &ca. Bill read a Second time.

The Bill Intituled an Act for amending an Act Intituled an "Act to prevent frauds and Deceits in Selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar Turpentine and Firewood" was read a Second time and

ORDERED to be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

said Bill Committed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Telfair from the Committee reported that they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the same and made some Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be Ingrossed.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in an Ordi-

Leave given to bring in an Ordinance for appointing a Harbour Master &ca.

nance for appointing Harbour Masters for the different Ports of this Province and also Inspectors of Beef Pork Pitch Tar Turpentine Firewood and Lumber and that Mr Telfair and Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Martis 29 Die Novembris 1768

Amendment to Beef Pork &ca. Bill read the third time and passed

The Ingrossed Bill Intituled An Act for amending an Act Intituled an Act to prevent frauds and deceits in Selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar Turpentine and firewood was read the third time

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

sent to the Upper House

ORDERED That Mr Telfair do Carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

Light House Bill read the third time and

The Ingrossed Bill Intituled an Act to Impower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intituled an "Act for laying a duty upon "Negroes and other Slaves that have been above Six "months in any of the Islands or Colonies in America "and imported for Sale in this Province and for appro-"priating the same towards the repairing or rebuilding "the Light House on Tybee Island and to prevent Negroe "Convicts being imported into, and Sold in this Prov-"ince" To Build a New Light House on any part of the Land reserved for the use thereof upon the said Island and also for procuring an Accurate Survey and Chart of the Sea Coasts and Inlets of this Province and pub-

lishing the Same and for Granting to His Majesty the Sum of Two thousand Two hundred pounds for the said purposes and for appointing and Impowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for that Sum and for Sinking the Same and for further Continuing the Acts herein after Mentioned was read the third time

passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

Sent to the Upper House.

ORDERED That Mr William Young do Carry the Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Leave given to bring in a Bill for amending the Act for Constituting and dividing the Several districts and divisions of this Province into parishes &c.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intituled an "Act for Constituting and "dividing the Several districts and divisions of this Prov-"ince into Parishes and for establishing Religious Wor-"ship therein according to the Rites and Ceremonies of "the Church of England, and also for Impowering the "Church Wardens and Vestry men of the Respective "Parishes to Assess rates for the repair of Churches for "the Relief of the Poor and other Parochial Charges," and that Mr Ewen and Mr Box be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

Said Bill read the first time

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare the Said Bill reported that the Same was ready prepared which was received and read the first time and

ORDERED to be read a Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to-Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Mercurii 30 Die Novembris 1768

The House took into Consideration the absence of these Gentlemen who have been Elected and returned to Serve in General Assembly and have not given their attendance to Qualify and

Mr. Cochran censured by the House for Non attendance

RESOLVED Nem: Con: That Jonathan Cochran Esqr Elected and returned to serve as one of the Representatives for the district of Great Ogechee and parish of St Philip be taken into Custody of the Messenger, the said Jonathan Cochran having made no excuse for his absence notwithstanding his attendance was required by order of this House.

Warrant ordered Against him

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign his Warrant to take the said Jonathan Cochran Esqr into Custody of the Messenger of this House.

Mr. I. Young excused

The House was informed that the reason for the absence of Mr Isaac Young Elected and returned for Goshen and Abercorn was upon Acc^o of Sickness.

RESOLVED That this Excuse be admitted.

Mr. Claiborne excused

The House was informed that the reason of the absence of Mr Leonard Claiborne Elected and returned one of the Representatives for Augusta and parish of St Paul was upon account of Sickness.

RESOLVED That this Excuse be admitted.

Mr. Barnard Censured for Non attendance

A Letter directed to John Simpson Esqr Clerk of this House from Edward Barnard Esqr elected and returned One of the Representatives for Augusta and Parish of

St Paul making an excuse for his Non attendance on Acc^{o} of Business was read to the House

The question was put whether Mr Barnards excuse was satisfactory or not it passed in the Negative.

RESOLVED That the said Edward Barnard be taken into Custody of the Messenger of this House

Warrant ordered against him

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign his Warrant for that purpose

Mr. Wyly excused for non-attendance

Mr Speaker acquainted the House that he had received a Letter from Alexander Wylly Esqr Elected and returned one of the Representatives for the Town of Savannah and parish of Christ Church desiring Leave of Absence for a Week.

ORDERED That Mr Wylly have leave of Absence for a Week.

Mr. McGillivray excused for Non attendance

The House being informed that Lachlan McGillivray Esqr elected and returned one of the Representatives for Halifax and Parish of St George was gone upon the Business of the Province to see the marking of the Indian Line executed.

RESOLVED That this excuse is sufficient for his Non-attendance.

Mr. Jones excused for non attendance

The House was informed that the reason of the absence of William Jones Esqr elected and returned one of the Representatives for Medway and Parish of St Johns was upon account of Sickness

RESOLVED That this excuse be admitted.

The House was informed that the reason of the

Mr. Belcher excused for non attendance

Absence of William Belcher Esqr Elected and returned for the Village of Acton in the Parish of Christ Church was upon Acc^o of Sickness.

RESOLVED That this Excuse be admitted

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Jovis 1 Die Decembris 1768

Leave given to bring in a Bill for regulating Wharfs &c.

ORDERED That Leave be given to Bring in a Bill to regulate Wharffs the rates of Wharffage Storage and the order of Vessels lying at Wharffs in the different Ports of this Province and that Mr Smith and Mr Tatnell be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

Leave given to bring in a Bill to prevent fraudulent deeds &c.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent fraudulent Conveyances and Mortgages, and that M^r Le Conte Mr William Young and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Veneris 2 Die Decembris 1768

Mr. Cochran in Custody of the Messenger attends the House.

The House was informed that Jonathan Cochran Esqr in Custody of the Messenger (for absenting himself from the service of the House tho' required to give his attendance by order of the House) attended at the door—upon Motion being Made

makes an excuse for his non-attendance

ORDERED That the said Jonathan Cochran be called in and He was accordingly Called in and at the Bar of the House made an excuse for his Non-attendance at the beginning of the Sessions on Account of Private Business and then he Withdrew

is reprimanded

ORDERED That Mr Cochran be again called in and reprimanded by Mr Speaker at the Bar of the House and he was accordingly Called in and reprimanded by Mr Speaker and Mr Cochran made an humble acknowledgement for his fault.

makes an acknowledgement.

and is discharged

ORDERED That the said Jonathan Cochran be discharged out of Custody of the Messenger paying his fees.

Declines taking his Seat

Then Mr Cochran acquainted the House that He was under the necessity of declining his Seat as a Member of this House the situation of His private Concerns being altered since the time of His Election—

Address ordered to be presented to the Governor that he would please order a New Writ of Election.

ORDERED That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor desiring He will be pleased to give orders for issuing a Writ of Election for one Member for the district of Great Ogechee and parish of St Philip in the room of Jonathan Cochran Esqr who has declined taking his Seat.

The said Address being prepared

is presented to His Excy.

ORDERED That Mr Le Conte and Mr Telfair do wait upon His Excellency the Governor therewith, and accordingly they withdrew and being returned Mr Telfair reported they had waited upon His Excellency the Governor and presented the Address to which His Excellency was pleased to answer He would give orders for issuing a Writ immediately

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to draw up

Comm appointed to draw up an Additional Rule

an Additional Rule to the Rules of this House for establishing the fees of the Clerk and Messenger of this House and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Sabbati 3 Die Decembris 1768

The House met according to Adjournment and then Adjourned till Monday morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Lunæ 5 Die Decembris 1768

Mr. Wylly takes his Seat.

Alexander Wylly Esqr elected and returned one of the Representatives for the Town and district of Savannah in the Parish of Christ Church, William Belcher Esqr Elected and returned Representative for the Village of Acton in the Parish aforesaid and Isaac Young Esqr elected and returned representative for the district of Goshen and Abercorn in the Parish of St Matthew proved themselves duely qualified to serve as Representatives according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province and then took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took their Seats as Members of this House.

Leave given to bring in an Amendment to the Patrol Act

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act Intituled an "Act for the Establishing and "regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from "Purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from

"(sic) or Selling such to any Slave unless Such Slave "shall produce a Ticket from his or Her Owner Manager "or Employer" and that Mr Tatnell and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

The House took under Consideration his Excellency the Governors message of the 24th November N° 2 and

Comm. to join a Com. of the Upper Houee.

RESOLVED That a Committee of this House be appointed to Join a Committee of the Upper House in Conference to Consider that part of His Excys message respecting the Report of the Lords of Trade for the disallowance of the Negro Law

ORDERED That a message be sent to the upper House acquainting them of the above Resolution

ORDERED That Mr William Young do Carry the said message to the Upper House

Persons having demands agst. the Publick to deliver in Accot.

ORDERED That all Persons having demands against the Publick do deliver in their Accounts properly attested to the Clerk of this House on or before the 14th of this Instant.

ORDERED That the above order be published in the Gazette

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Martis 6 Die Decembris 1768

Mr Bullock from the Committee appointed to draw up

Comm report the additional Rule ascertaing the Clerk and Messengers fees.

an Additional Rule for establishing the Fees of the Clerk and Messenger of the House reported they had prepared the same which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the report in at the Table where the same was again read and Agreed to by the House with some Amendments.

RESOLVED That the undermentioned Fees for the Clerk and Messenger be added to the Standing Rules of this House Viz[t]

The Fees for the Clerk.

Fees for the Clerk.

Drawing every Petition not exceeding one Copy Sheet of Ninety Words Five Shillings and for every Copy Sheet after One Shilling but no Petition to exceed Twenty Shillings

Reading a Petition three Shillings

On passing every Private Bill Six Shillings and Six pence

Entering the Laws in a Book five pence p[r] Copy Sheet.

Engrossing the Laws five pence ℔ Copy Sheet.

Copy of any Paper given out five pence ℔ Copy Sheet

Entering every Paper in the Journals that is to say Petitions and Memorials &c[a] five pence ℔ Copy Sheet

Letters by orders of the House to Members or any other person three Shillings

A Warrant Twenty one Shillings

Fair Copy of the Journals with marginal Notes for the use of the House and each Duplicate of the Journals with marginal Notes to send to England Six pence ℔ Copy Sheet

The Fees for the Messenger

Fees for the Messenger.

On reading every Petition One Shilling and Six pence

Every Letter sent out by order of the House three Shillings

For every mile He shall Travel to execute any Warrant from the Speaker Six pence ℔ mile to be Computed from the House to the place where the same shall be served against whom such Warrant shall be issued and paid by the Delinquent—

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Mercurii 7 Die Decembris 1768

Watch Bill read the first time.

Mr Ewen from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for establishing and Regulating a Watch in the Town of Savannah reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

Mr. William Jones takes his Seat

William Jones Esqr Elected and Returned One of the Representatives for Medway and parish of St John proved himself duely qualified to serve as a Representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province and then took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declaration and took and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House

A Message from the upper House by the Master in Chancery.

Upper House agrees to the Beef and Pork Bill.

That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill Intituled an Act for amending an Act Intituled an Act to prevent frauds and deceit in Selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar Turpentine and Firewood without Amendments.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen

Message from the Govenor about the Goal

I herewith send you a Memorial [For this Message on state of the Gaol see the Upper House 7 Dec 1768.] [ends:—] shocking to Humanity

JAMES WRIGHT.

Savannah in Georgia 7th Decr 1768

And then the Title of the said Memorial was read

ORDERED That the said message and memorial do lye upon the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House.

Amendment to the Patrol Act read the first time.

Mr Tatnell from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act for Establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from or selling such to any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from His or Her Owner Manager or Employer reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

That the Upper House in answer to the message from

Message from the Upper House in answer to a Message from this House.

This House had appointed a Committee to Join a Committee of this House in Conference on that part of His Excellency the Governor's Message of the 24th Nevem' last which mentions the Report of the Lords of Trade against the Negroe Law. The Conference to be in the room adjoining the Council Chamber to morrow at Twelve O'Clock.

Comm. appointed to Join a Com. of the Upper House.

ORDERED That Mr Wylly, Mr Bulloch, Mr Milledge Mr Telfair and Mr Box, be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Upper House in the said Conference.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Jovis 8 Die Decembris 1768.

Comm. of Correspondence to lay their proceedings before the House.

ORDERED That the Committee appointed to Correspond with the Provincial Agent do lay their proceedings before the House accordingly Mr Ewen from the said Committee acquainted the House that they had wrote a Letter to the Agent giving Him several Instructions and the said Letter was read

The House took the Same into Consideration and

RESOLVED That the said Letter does not so sufficiently instruct the Agent as the former House of Assembly required by a Resolution.

The House was also informed that an Answer had been received to the said Letter from the Agent but that the said Answer had not been regularly Communicated to the Committee.

ORDERED That Mr William Young do carry the following message to the Upper House Viz

Honble Gentlemen

Message to the Upper House about the Comm. of Correspondence.

[For transcript of Message sending Copy of Resolution relating to Instruction for the Provincial Agent see Journal of Upper H° 8 Dec. 68.]

Bill to prevent fraudulent Mortgages &ca. read the first time.

Mr William Young from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent fraudulent Mortgages and Conveyances and for making Valid all Deeds and Conveyances heretofore made with respect to any Defect in the form and manner of making thereof with certain Restrictions Reported they had prepared the same which was received and read the first time.

Amendment to the Patrole Act read a Second time and

The Bill intituled an Act to amend an Act intituled an Act for Establishing and Regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from or Selling such to any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from His or Her Owner Manager or Employer was read a Second time and

ORDERED to be Committed

Committed

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the Same and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingrossed.

Mr Wylly one of the Managers of the Committee of Conference appointed to Join a Committee of the Upper House reported that the Committee had met and made some progress in the said Conference and that he was directed to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia., Vol. 45.)

Veneris 9 Die Decembris 1768.

Amendment to the Patrole Act read 3d time and passed

The Ingrossed Bill intituled an Act to amend and Continue an Act Intituled an Act for the Establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any person from purchasing Provisions or any other Commodities from or Selling such to any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from His or Her Owner Manager or Employer was read the third time

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

Sent to the Upper House

ORDERED That Mr Belcher do Carry the Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto—

Bill to poevent fraudulent mortgages &c. read a Second time and

The Bill intituled an Act to prevent fraudulent mortgages and Conveyances and for making Valid all deeds and Conveyances heretofore made with respect to any defect in the form and manner of making thereof with Certain restrictions was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed

Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into consideration and gone through the same and made several amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be Ingrossed.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Message from the Upper House in answer to a message from this House about the Com. of Correspondence

That the upper House having taken into Consideration the message of this House touching the Instructions transmitted by the Committee of Correspondence to Benjamin Franklin Esqr the Provincial Agent and also the Copy of a Resolution this House came to respecting the said Agent and Containing an Instruction resolved to be given him as to the Repeal of a late Act of Parliament imposing duties For Answer thereto they must Observe that the aforesaid Resolution is an Act of this House only having never been Communicated to their House for Concurrence therein (to which they might have had no Objection) and therefore the Members of their House that are of the Committee could not in the Opinion of their House Join in any Instruction to the said Agent founded on a Resolution which their House was unacquainted with.

And with respect to the other part of the Message of this House which mentions that the directions of the Ordinance had not been Complied with their House is

ready to Join in any enquiry on that head that may appear to them Necessary to be made.

ORDERED That the said message do lye upon the Table for the perusal of the Members of the House.

A Petition of Henry Keall was presented to the House and read Setting forth

Petition of Henry Keall

That the Petitioner formerly had the honour of being Clerk of this House by appointment from His Excy the Governor and hath since been informed that a Commission has been given to John Simpson Esqr The Petitioner therefore begs leave to inform the House that for his Services in the last Session of the General Assembly for Business done as Clerk, He (as of right belonged to him so to do) had prepared an Account to be presented for Payment, But as the said John Simpson was partly Concerned with the Petitioner in the Profits arising from the said Office He desired to have perusal of said Account before it was delivered to the proper Officers to be laid before the Governor and Council for payment The Petitioner accordingly Waited on the said John Simpson and upon his promising to return him said Accompt the morning following which was on the day the Council Sat he left the Accompt with him, but the said John Simpson did not then nor Since deliver or Send to the Petitioner the said Accompt, That the Petitioner on or about this time was taken very ill by means of which he was prevented from going about his Business but that in about Eight or Ten days being something better the Petitioner Called upon the said John Simpson for said Accompt but was acquainted by him that he had shewed the Accompt to the Governor, that His Excellency disapproved of it and did Say that in the manner it was it could not pass the Council for payment, on which the said John Simpson promised to make out a proper Copy

which should be furnished the Petitioner, But his indisposition Continuing he was advised and did for the Benefit of his health retire into the Country for about a month or Six weeks that upon his return to Town to his great Surprize He found that an Accompt had been prescribed by the said John Simpson in the name of the Clerk of the Assembly without the Petitioners Knowledge and an order of Council Obtained for Payment of the Same But upon looking over that Accompt He finds the amount thereof exceeds the Just demand that ought to be made upon the Publick for such Services as will more fully appear by a true Accompt hereunto annexed And for satisfaction to the House he begs leave to particularize some Charges made which upon a Conversation had with the said John Simpson the Petitioner objected as being in his Opinion illegal and what he apprehended he had no right to Debit the Publick with, But the said John Simpson insisted upon inserting the Same as being partly Concerned and they were accordingly made a Charge of in the Accompt delivered to the said John Simpson, But the Petitioner begs leave further to acquaint the House that notwithstanding the Charges so made he did intend before the delivery of that Accompt to have enquired of proper Person as to the Legality of the Charge that is to say the sum of Fourteen pounds St^s for Copying by order of the House out of the Book kept for entering the Laws of the Province in at the rate of Forty Shillings each Bill when no more is allowed to those who are employed by the House in framing and preparing New Bills, The Petitioner accordingly made enquiry of many Gentlemen who acquainted him the Charge was wrong—and that the Clerk had no right to demand such a Sum from the Publick and He further examined Accompts of Thomas Burrington Esqr late Clerk to the House in the hands of the Publick Treasurer for upwards of Five Years past and Cant find that ever

such a charge was made or demanded the Petitioner therefore begs leave to assure the House that although He has been so ill treated by the said John Simpson with respect to his being deprived of the Office of Clerk He means no otherwise than to Clear up His Character and make it appear to the Publick that the Accompt presented by the said John Simpson is unjust and that no part may be imputed to him, and hopes that the House will order payment to the Petitioner of the Accompt hereunto annexed as before mentioned.

And then the House adjourned till to morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Sabbati 10 Die Decembris 1768.

Comm. of Accounts appointed

ORDERED That a Committee of Accompts be appointed and that they do report their opinion thereon to the House and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Night Watch Bill read a Second time and recommitted

The Bill intituled an Act for establishing and regulating a Watch in the Town of Savannah was read the Second time and ordered to be Recommitted

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Lunæ 12 Die Decembris 1768

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for

Leave to bring in a Bill for encouraging the Cultivation of Hemp Flax &ca.

the encouragement of the Cultivation of Hemp Flax and Wheat and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp Flax and Wheat flour and that Mr Telfair and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Bill to prevent fraudulent Mortgages &ca. read third time.

The ingrossed Bill Intituled an Act to prevent fraudulent mortgages and Conveyances and for making Valid all Deeds and Conveyances heretofore made with respect to any Defect in the form and manner of making thereof with Certain Restrictions was read a third time

and

passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

Sent to the Upper House

ORDERED That Mr Box do Carry the said Bill to the upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Martis 13 Die Decembris 1768

Memorial of John Simpson in answer to Henry Keall's Petition

A Memorial from John Simpson was presented to the House and read Setting forth

That whereas a Petition had been received by the House from Henry Keall setting forth sundry matters respecting the Memorialist He therefore begs leave to lay a State of the Facts before the House which He with submission hopes will prove the allegations Contained in the said Petition false Malicious and Injurious—That the Memorialist having been chosen a Representative for the Parish of St James (notwithstanding he had a Commission for being Clerk of the House) did in the month of January last give a Deputation to the Petitioner Henry Keall on purpose to serve him as the said

Henry Keall was then writing in the Secretarys Office at so much ℔ Copy Sheet and had not sufficient employment The Memorialist being then in expectation of taking his Seat as a Member, But when the House deemed it incompatible for him to retain his Commission as Clerk and Sit as a Member notwithstanding his having a Deputy, He chose to resign the Commission for a time rather than his Constituents should Want a Representative for the Parish The Session being as he apprehended near a Close, or at least that the Writ for Electing another would not be return'd before the end thereof The Memorialist therefore made an Agreement with his said Deputy Henry Keall to Act as Clerk for the Session upon the same terms as if still a Deputy which will more fully appear in an Indented agreement under the hand and Seal of the said Henry Keall and which is now ready to be produced to the House. That the Petitioner was never directed by the Memorialist in the making out of his account nor did the Memorialist Know what it contained till it was brought to him by the Petitioner some time in the month of July or August, and the Petitioner desired the Memorialist to look over the same Knowing upon what term He held the Office being accountable for the whole emoluments to the Memorialist. That next day after the delivery of the Account the Petitioner Called upon the Memorialist and asked if it was right the Memorialist (finding the Title of the Acc^{t} to be the Publick of Georgia D^{r} to Henry Keall) told the Petitioner that in his Opinion as it then stood it would not pass the Governor and Council because the grant was in the schedule annexed to the Tax Bill to the Clerk of the Assembly and no name particularized The Memorialist therefore at the request of the Petitioner promised to make a fair Copy which he accordingly did and Called at the Lodgings of the Petitioner on purpose to deliver the Ac^{co} to him but being told he was not in Town

and not Knowing where to find him the Memorialist to serve the Petition delivered the Ac^co^ to the Treasurer in the Beginning of September, The Memorialist so far from thinking the Accompt a demand of his own can prove to the House that he never enquired of the Treasurer any thing about it nor did He ever apply for the money or any part of it looking upon the Petitioner Henry Keall the proper Person to receive payment and be Accountable (according to Agreement) to the Memorialist That the Memorialist never was desired by the Petitioner to alter the sum of Fourteen pounds nor had any Conversation with the Petitioner about it till some time in the month of October last after a Commission was made out for the Memorialist and then as the Account exceeded the Grant exclusive of that Sum The Memorialist apprehended the House would judge of the Propriety of the Charge as at that time there was no fixed Rule established. The Memorialist having stated the facts as they happened He humbly hopes that the House from its wonted wisdom and Justice will do on the premises as to them shall seem meet.

ORDERED That the Memorial do lye upon the Table for the perusal of the Members of this House.

Hemp Flax &c. Bill read the first time

Mr Telfair from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the encouragement of the Cultivation of Hemp Flax and Wheat and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp Flax and Wheat flour reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Mercurii 14 Die Decembris 1768

The House met according to adjournment and then adjourned till to morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Jovis 15 Die Decembris 1768

Do. read a second time and

The Bill intituled an Act for the encouragement of the Cultivation of Hemp Flax and Wheat and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp Flax and Wheat flour was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed

Committed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and Agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be ingrossed.

The House took under Consideration His Excellency the Governors message of the 24th Novr N° 1 and of the 7th this Instant

ORDERED That the same with the Estimate be referred to a Committee of the whole House

The House immediately resolved itself into a Com-

The House resolves into a Comm. upon the Estimate &ca.

mittee accordingly to take the said messages and Estimate into Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Box from the Committtee reported they had taken the same into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Veneris 16 Die Decembris 1768

Hemp and flax &ca. Bill read the third time and passed

The ingrossed Bill intituled an Act for encouraging the Cultivation of Hemp Flax and Wheat and for regulating the Inspection of Hemp Flax and Wheat flour was read the third time

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass.

Sent to the Upper House

ORDERED That Mr Telfair do Carry the said Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto.

Comm. of Privilege &ca. report on the Petition of John Moret &ca.

Mr Bullock from the Committee of Priveleges and Elections to whom was referred the Petition of John Moret and Samuel Jones Complaining of an undue Election and return for the Parish of St Andrew reported they had Come to a Resolution which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table where the Resolution was again read and is as follows Vizt

Their Resolution.

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of this Committee that some of the Matters contained in the said Petition is well Grounded

The House took the said report into Consideration and

Consideration postponed by the House till 7th Janry. next.

RESOLVED That the matters Contained in the said Petition be taken into Consideration on Tuesday the 17 Jany Next

Petitioners may be heard by Counsel

ORDERED That the Petitioners may be heard on the same day by their Counsel in support of the said Petition if they think fit

Clerk to furnish Mr. Baillie &ca. with Copy of said petition

ORDERED That the Clerk do furnish Robert Baillie and George McIntosh Esq^rs Elected and returned Representative for the said Parish of St Andrew with a Copy of the said Petition

Mr. Baillie &ca. to be heard by Counsel.

ORDERED That the said Robert Baillie and George M^c-Intosh Esq^rs may be heard by their Council on the same against the said Petition if they think fit.

Com. of Privilege &ca. discharged.

ORDERED That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be discharged from proceeding further on the said Petition

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House agree to the Light House Bill

That the upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to empower the Commissioners appointed in and by an Act of the General Assembly Intituled An "Act "for laying a duty upon Negroes and other Slaves that "have been above Six months in any of the Islands or "Colonies in America and Imported for Sale in this "Province and for appropriating the same towards the "repairing or Rebuilding the Light House on Tybee Is-"land and to prevent Negro Convicts being Imported "into and sold in this Province" to build a New Light House on any part of the Land reserved for the use thereof upon the said Island and also for procuring an Accurate

Survey and Chart of the Sea Coasts and Inlets of this Province and publishing the Same and for Granting to His Majesty the sum of Two thousand Two hundred pounds for the said purposes and for appointing and empowering Commissioners to issue Certificates for that Sum and for Sinking the Same and for further Continuing the Acts herein after mentioned without Any Amendments

Clerk to write Mr. McGillivray

ORDERED That the Clerk do write Lachlan M^c^Gillivray Esqr elected and returned Representative for the Town of Halifax and Parish of St George that the House requires his attendance on monday next

and other Members

ORDERED That the Clerk do write to the Members of this House who are absent without Leave that the House requires their immediate attendance.

Leave of absence given to Mr. Bullock

ORDERED That Mr Bulloch have leave of Absence from his Service in Assembly for a Fortnight from Monday next to go to Charles Town on extraordinary avocations

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Sabbati 17 Die Decembris 1768

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House agree to the Bill for preventing fraudulent Mortgages &ca.

That the Upper House had agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to prevent fraudulent Mortgages and Conveyances and for making valid all deeds and conveyances heretofore made with respect to any Defect in the form

and manner of making thereof with Certain restrictions without any Amendment.

Mr. Smith reprimanded for speaking improperly of the House

John Smith Esqr a member of this House having spoken yesterday improperly respecting the proceedings of the House was called upon by Mr Speaker to make a Recantation of what he had so improperly spoken, but his acknowledgements not being deemed satisfactory he was ordered to withdraw

is again reprimanded at the Bar and exond

ORDERED That Mr Smith be reprimanded by Mr Speaker at the Bar of the House and that upon his recantation and acknowledgement He be excused,

Accordingly Mr Smith being Called to the Bar of the House was reprimanded by Mr Speaker, then he made a recantation and an Acknowledgement to the House and was excused

Wharf Bill read the 1st time

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate and ascertain the Rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandize and also to ascertain the rates of Storage in the Port of Savannah and for the better regulating of Wharfs and of Shipping in the said Port and appointing a Harbour Master for the same Reported they had prepared the said Bill which was received and read the first time.

The House resolves into a Comm further to Consider the Estimate

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the Estimate of the Necessary Charges of Government in the Province of Georgia for one year Commencing the 29th Sepr 1768 and ending the 29th Septr 1769 into further Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Box from the Committee reported they had gone through the Same and Come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report when the House will please to receive the Same

ORDERED That the Report be received on Monday morning.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Ten of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Lunæ 19 Die Decembris 1768

Mr. McGillivray takes his Seat

Lachlan McGillivray Esqr Elected and returned Representative for Halifax and Parish of St George proved himself duely qualified to serve as a Representative according to the Terms prescribed in and by the Act of the General Assembly of this Province and then took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declaration and took and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration and then took his Seat as a Member of this House.

Report on the Estimate.

Mr Box (according to order) Reported from the Committee of the whole House to whom it was referred to Consider the Estimate the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Table where the resolutions were again read and Agreed to by the House

Committee of Ways and means appointed.

ORDERED That a Committee be appointed to Consider of Ways and means for raising and Granting to His Majesty the sum of £3046.. 16.. 8¼ for defraying the expence of Government for the ensuing Year and a Committee was appointed accordingly

Wharfage Bill read a Second time and

The Bill intituled an Act to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandize and also to ascertain the rates of Storage in the Port of Savannah and for the better regulation of Wharfs and of Shipping

Ordered to be Committed

in the said Port and for appointing the duties of a Harbour Master for the same was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed.

Comm. of Ways and Means Report.

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed to consider of Ways a (sic) means for raising the sum of £3046.. 16.. 8¼ for defraying the expence of Government for the Current Year reported they had Considered the Same and Come to a Resolution which he read in his place and afterwards delivered it in at the Table where the same was again read and Agreed to by the House

Tax Bill resolved upon

RESOLVED Nem: Con: That a Bill be brought in for raising and Granting to His Majesty the sum of £3046.. 16.. 8¼ for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year 1769 to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears.

ORDERED That Mr Millege and Mr Telfair be a Committee to prepare and bring in the Same.

Wharfage Bill Committed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to take under Consideration the Bill intituled an Act to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandize and also to ascertain the rates of Storage in the Port of Savannah and for the better regulation of Wharfs and of shipping in the said Port and for appointing the duties of a Harbour Master for the same and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Smith from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

ORDERED That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

Tax Bill read the first time.

The Bill Intituled an Act for Granting to His Majesty the sum of three thousand and forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight pence farthing for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears was presented to the House and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time.

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Martis 20 Die Decembris 1768

Further Commitment of the Wharfage Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into further Consideration the Bill intituled an Act to regulate and ascertain the rates of Wharfage of Shipping and Merchandize and also to ascertain the Rates of Storage in the Port of Savannah and for the better regulation of Wharfs and for appointing the duties of a Harbour Master for the same and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Smith from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

The Bill intituled an Act for Granting to His Maj-

Tax Bill read a Second time

esty the sum of three thousand and forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight pence One farthing for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed

and Committed

The House immediately resolved itself into a a Committee accordingly to take the said Bill into Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into Consideration and made some progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

The House was informed that Henry Keall desired to be heard in support of his Petition presented to this House the 9th of this Instant

ORDERED That Mr Keall be heard by himself or Counsel in support of the said Petition on Thursday next.

ORDERED That Mr Simpson be heard by himself or Counsel against the said Petition on the same day

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Mercurii 21 Die Decembris 1768.

Further Commitmt. of the Tax Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into further Consideration the Bill intituled an Act for Granting to His Majesty the sum of three thousand and forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight pence One farthing for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and made some further progress therein and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again

ORDERED That the Committee have leave to sit again.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery

Upper House agrees to the Patrole Bill with amendments

That the Upper House have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act to amend and Continue an Act for the Establishing and regulating Patrols and for preventing any person from purchasing provisions or any other Commodities from or Selling such to any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from his or her Owner Manager or Employer with some Amendments to which Amendments they desire the Concurrence of this House. And also

and also to the Hemp and Flax Bill without amendments

That the upper House have agreed to a Bill intituled an Act for encouraging the Cultivation of Hemp Flax and Wheat and for regulating the inspection of Hemp Flax and Wheat flour without amendments

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Jovis 22 Die Decembris 1768

The House agrees to the amendments made by the Upper House to the Patrole Bill

The House took under Consideration the amendments made by the Upper House to the Bill intituled an Act to amend and Continue an Act for the establishing and Regulating Patrols and for preventing any Person from purchasing provisions or any other Commodities from or Selling such to any Slave unless such Slave shall produce a Ticket from His or Her Owner Manager or Employer and the said Amendments being read were agreed to by the House

ORDERED That Mr Le Conte do carry the Bill to the Upper House and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Upper House to the said Bill

ORDERED That the order of the day be adjourned over till Twesday the 17th of January next—

Further Commitment of the Tax Bill.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into further Consideration the Bill intituled an Act for Granting to His Majesty the sum of three thousand and Forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight pence One farthing for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Bill into further Consideration and gone through the same and made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the amend-

ments in at the Table where the amendments were again read and agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That the Bill with the amendments be Ingrossed

And then the House adjourned till to-Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Veneris 23 Die Decembris 1768

Commrs. of the Court House to lay their Accs. before the House

ORDERED That the Commissioners appointed to Build a Court House in the Town of Savannah do lay their Accounts before this House

Thanks of the House Voted to Mr. McKay &ca. on acct. of the running the Indian Line

RESOLVED Nem: Con: That the thanks of this House be given to the Hon[ble] James M[c]Kay Esq[r] Lachlan M[c]Gillivray Edward Barnard and George Galphin Esq[rs] for their extraordinary Care and trouble in seeing the Running of the Indian Line executed

ORDERED That M[r] Speaker do acquaint the above mentioned Gentlemen with the said Resolution.

Tax Bill read the third time and

The Ingrossed Bill Intituled an Act for Granting to His Majesty the sum of three thousand and forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight pence One farthing for the use and support of the Government of Georgia for the year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more effectual Collecting of Arrears was read the third time

passed

RESOLVED That the Bill do pass

Sent to the Upper House

ORDERED That Mr William Young do Carry the Bill to the Upper House and desire their Concurrence thereto

And then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock

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(From B. P. R. O.—B. of T., Georgia, Vol. 45.)

Sabbati 24 Die Decembris 1768

Tax Bill agreed to by the Upper House.

A Message from the Upper House by the Master in Chancery That the Upper House have agreed to the Bill intituled an Act for Granting to His Majesty the sum of three thousand and forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight pence One farthing for the use and Support of the Government of Georgia for the Year One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Nine to be raised at Certain rates and after the method therein mentioned and for the more Effectual Collecting of Arrears without any amendments

ORDERED That an Address be prepared to present to His Excellency the Governor to request he will be pleased to give his Assent this day to Sundry Bills passed both Houses of Assembly and that He will be pleased to adjourn the House after His Assent to the said Bills untill the 9th day of January next

The said Address being prepared was read to the House in the words following Vizt

Address to His Excellency to give his Assent to the Bills this day and desiring an adjournment.

To His Excellency James Wright Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of His Majestys Province of Georgia Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the Same

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly

May it please Your Excellency

Both Houses of Assembly having set longer on the Business than has been usual at this season of the Year in order to Compleat some Bills which they judged were immediately Necessary and having passed the following Request Your Excell^y will be pleased to give your Assent to them this day. A Bill for establishing and regulating Patrols; A Bill for building a Light House on the Island of Tybee, A Bill to prevent fraudulent Deeds and Conveyances, A Bill for the encouragement of the Cultivation of Hemp Flax and Wheat a Bill for preventing frauds in Selling Beef Pork Pitch Tar Turpentine and Firewood and a Bill for granting to His Majesty the sum of three thousand and forty Six pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eight pence One farthing for the use and support of this Government.

It is unnecessary to enumerate the reasons that induce this House to request Your Excellencys Assent to those Bills especially the Patrole the Light House and the Tax Bills as they will readily Occur to Your Excellency—

The House having under Consideration sundry other Wholesome and Necessary Bills and Ordinances and being very desirous of finishing the whole Business of this Session as speedily as possible only desire to be adjourned to the Ninth day of January next

The said Address being again read was agreed to by the House

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address and He signed the same accordingly

Address presented and the Governors Answer

ORDERED That Mr Isaac Young and Mr William Young be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency and present the said Address and accordingly they withdrew, and being returned Mr William Young reported they had waited upon His Excy the Governor and presented the Address to which His Excellency was pleased to answer that He would assent to the Bills as soon as they were ready and that he would give them an Adjournment but should Consider of the time against He came to assent to the Bills

Leave for an Ordinance to Reappoint the Agent.

ORDERED That Leave be given to bring in Ordinance for Reappointing Benjamin Franklin Esqr Agent to sollicit the Affairs of this Province in Great Britain and that Mr Wylly and Mr Ewen be a Committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Ordinance for appointing a Harbour Master &ca. read 1st time.

Mr Telfair from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Ordinance for appointing a Harbour Master for the Port of Savannah a Comptroller of the Country duties for the Port of Sunbury and also Inspectors of Beef Pork Pitch Tar Turpentine Lumber Firewood Hemp Flax and Wheat flour in the Ports of Savannah and Sunbury in this Province reported they had prepared the Same which was received and read the first time and ordered to be read a Second time

Read a Second time

Then the said Ordinance was read a Second time and ordered to be Committed immediately

and Committed

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly to take the said Ordinance into Consideration and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said Ordinance into Consideration gone through the same and made several Amendments thereto which he read in his place and afterwards

delivered the Ordinance with the Amendments in at the Table where the Amendments were again read and agreed to by the House

ORDERED That the Ordinance with the Amendments be Ingrossed

Motion to take under consideration the late Acts of Parliament imposing duties &ca.

Motion was made that this House do take into Consideration the late Acts of the British Parliament imposing duties on the Manufactures of Great Britain imported into the Colonies for the express purpose of raising a Revenue

RESOLVED That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take the said motion into Consideration

The House takes the same into consideration and Comes to A

The House resolved itself into a Committee accordingly and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr William Young from the Committee reported they had taken the said motion under Consideration and Come to the following Resolution Vizt

Resolution—

RESOLVED That it is the Opinion of the Committee that a dutifull and loyal Address be forthwith prepared from this House to our most Gracious Sovereign and transmitted to the Agent for this Province by the Honble the Speaker humbly Setting forth Our Indubitable right and Imploring Relief from the Grievances and burden which by the late Acts of Parliament for raising a Revenue in America This Province in Common with the other Colonies is now Subjected to and labours under.

The said Resolution being again read was Agreed to by the House.

Committee to prepare an address to His Majesty

ORDERED That Mr Wylly Mr Ewen and Mr Belcher be a Committee to prepare an Address to our most Gracious Sovereign in pursuance of the said Resolution

Committee report

Mr Wylly from the said Committee reported that an Address was ready prepared which was read to the House in the Words following Vizt

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty

The Address to the King

The Humble Address of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia

Most Gracious Sovereign

Your dutifull and loyal Subjects the Commons House of Assembly of Georgia with the greatest humility beg Leave to Represent to Your Sacred Person the grievance this Province labours under by the late Acts of the Parliament of Great Britain for raising a Revenue in America. Equally attached by Interest Principle and Affection for our Mother Country We readily acknowledge a Constitutional Subordination to its supreme Legislature, at the same time with unexpressible Concern We must Lament that by their Imposition of Internal Taxes we are deprived of the Privilege which with humble deference We apprehend to be Our indubitable right that of Granting away our own property and are thereby prevented from a ready Compliance with any Requisition Your Majesty may Graciously please to make and which to the utmost extent of our Small abilities We have hitherto always most Chearfully Obeyed.

From Your Majesty's Equity Wisdom and truely Paternal regard for the rights and Liberties of Your Subjects however remote, We flatter Ourselves with and firmly rely upon Redress in this our unhappy situation, and as We of this Province experience Your Majesty's

particular Countenance and protection in our present Infant state for which We are Impressed with the deepest sense of Gratitude so We most fervently hope and doubt not We shall also experience in general with Our Sister Colonies on this Occasion fresh marks of Your Majestys Royal Justice and attention to Supplications of Your distressed Subjects.

We beg leave to assure your Majesty that none of Your numerous Subjects Can or do more ardently Wish and pray for a Continuance of Your most auspicious Reign, and that your latest Posterity may happily rule over a free Gratefull and Loyal People throughout Your wide extended Empire than Your faithfull Commons of Georgia.

The said Address being read was agreed to by the House.

ORDERED That Mr Speaker do sign the said Address and He signed the same accordingly.

Mr. Wylly presents the Letter from Boston and Letter from Virginia

Mr Wylly Speaker of the last Assembly of this Province presented to the House a Letter directed to the Honble the Speaker of the Honble House of Representatives of the Province of Georgia Signed by Thomas Cushing Esqr Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Massachusetts Bay, and also a Letter directed to the Honble the Speaker of the Commons House of Assembly of the Province of Georgia Signed by Peyton Randolph Esqr Speaker of the House of Burgesses in the Colony of Virginia and the same were received and read

ORDERED That the said Letters be entered upon the Journals of this House and are as follows Vizt

Province of the Massachusetts Bay Febr^{y} 11th 1768.

Sir

Letter from Boston

The House of Representatives of this Province have taken into their Serious Consideration the great difficulties That must accrue to themselves and their Constituents by the operation of the several Acts of Parliament imposing duties and Taxes on the American Colonies.

As it is a Subject in which every Colony is deeply interested they have no reason to doubt but that Your Assembly is duely impressed with its Importance; and that such Constitutional measures will be come into as are proper. It seems to be Necessary, that all possible Care should be taken that the Representations of the Several Assemblies upon so delicate a point should harmonize with each Other The House therefore hope that this Letter will be Candidly Considered in no other Light than as expressing a disposition freely to Communicate their mind to a Sister Colony upon a Common Concern in the same manner as she would be glad to receive the Sentiments of Your or any other House of Assembly on the Continent.

This House have humbly represented to the Ministry their own sentiments That his Majesty's high Court of Parliament is the Supreme Legislative power over the whole Empire; That in all free States the Constitution is fixed, and as the Supreme Legislative derives its Power and authority from the Constitution it cannot overleap the Bounds of it without destroying its own foundation That the Constitution ascertains and limits both Sovereignty and Allegiance; and therefore His Majesty's American Subjects who acknowledge themselves bound by the Ties of Allegiance have an equitable Claim to the full enjoyment of the fundamental rules of the British

Constitution. That it is an essential unalterable Right in Nature ingrafted into the British Constitution as a fundamental Law and ever held Sacred and irrevocable by the Subjects within the Realm, that what a man hath honestly acquired is absolutely his Own which he may freely give; but cannot be taken from him without his Consent; That the American Subjects may therefore exclusive of any Consideration of Charter Rights with a decent firmness adapted to the Character of Freemen and Subjects assert this natural Constitutional Right

It is moreover their Humble Opinion, which they express with the greatest deference to the wisdom of Parliament, That the Acts made there imposing duties on the People of this Province with the sole and express purpose of raising a Revenue, are infringements of their natural and constitutional Rights; Because as they are not represented in the British Parliament His Majestys Commons in Britain, by those Acts grant their Property without their Consent

This House further are of opinion that their Constituents Considering their Local Circumstances, cannot by any possibility be represented in the Parliament; and that it will for ever be impracticable that they should equally be represented there and Consequently not at all; being seperated by an Ocean of a thousand Leagues; That His Majesty Royal Predecessors, for this reason, were graciously pleased to form a subordinate Legislative here, that their Subjects might enjoy the unalienable Right of a Representation; and that Considering the utter Impracticability of their being fully and equally represented in Parliament, and the great Expence that must unavoidably attend even a partial Representation there this House think that a Taxation of their Constituents even without their Consent, grievous as it is, would

be preferable to any Representation that could be admitted for them there.

Upon these Principles and also considering that were the Right in the Parliament ever so clear yet for obvious Reasons, it would be beyond the Rules of Equity that their Constituents should be taxed on the Manufactures of Great Britain here in addition to the Duties they pay for them in England, and other advantages arising to Great Britain from the Acts of Trade this House have preferred a humble dutifull and loyal Petition to our most gracious Sovereign and made such Representations to his Majesty's Ministers as they apprehend would tend to obtain Redress—

They have also submitted it to Consideration whether any People can be said to enjoy any Degree of Freedom, if the Crown in Addition to its undoubted Authority of constituting a Governor, should also appoint him such a Stipend as it shall judge proper without the Consent of the People, and at their Expence; and whether while the Judges of the Land, and other civil Officers hold not their Commissions during good Behaviour, their having Salaries appointed for them by the Crown independent of the People, hath not a Tendency to subvert the Principles of Equity and endanger the Happiness and Security of the Subject.

In addition to these Measures the House have wrote a Letter to their Agent Mr Debirdt; the Sentiments of which he is directed to lay before the Ministry; wherein they take Notice of the Hardships of the Act for preventing Mutiny and Desertion which requires the Governor and Council to provide enumerated Articles for the Kings marching Troops, and the People to pay the Expence; And also of the Commission of the Gentlemen appointed Commissioners of the Customs to reside in

America which authorizes them to make as many Appointments as they think fit, and to pay the Appointees what sum they may please for whose mal conduct they are not accountable—From whence it may happen that Officers of the Crown may be multiplied to such a Degree as to become dangerous to the Liberty of the People by virtue of a Commission which doth not appear to this House to derive any such Advantages to Trade as many have been led to expect

These are the Sentiments and proceedings of this House and as they have too much Reason to believe that the Enemies of the Colonies have represented them to his Majestys Ministers and the Parliament as factious, disloyal, and having a Disposition to make themselves independent of the Mother Country, they have taken Occasion in the most humble Terms to assure his Majesty and his Ministers, that with regard to the People of this Province and as they doubt not of all the Colonies the Charge is unjust.

The House is fully satisfied that your Assembly is too generous and enlarged in Sentiment to believe that this Letter proceeds from an Ambition of taking the Lead; or dictating to the other Assemblies: They freely submit their Opinion to the Judgment of others and shall take it kind in your House to point out to them any thing further which may be thought necessary.

This House cannot conclude without expressing their firm Confidence in the King our common Head and Father that the united and dutifull Supplications of his distressed American Subjects, will meet with his Royal and favorable Acceptance

In the Name and by Order of the House of Representatives

I am Sir/ Your most humble Servant

Signed THOMAS CUSHING Spkr

Directed

To the Honble the Speaker of the Honble House of Representatives of the Province of Geoorgia

Virginia May 9th 1768.

Sir

Letter from Virginia

The House of Bourgesses of this Colony having very attentively considered several late Acts of the British Parliament and being of Opinion that they manifestly tend to deprive the Inhabitants of the Colonies of their essential Rights and Privileges have thought it their Duty as Representatives of a free People to take every regular Step to assert that constitutional Liberty, on the destruction of which those Laws seem to be erected

They have therefore thought proper to represent, That they are sensible of the Happiness and Security they derive from their connections with and dependance on Great Britain and are under the greatest Concern that any unlucky Incident should interrupt the salutary Harmony which they wish ever to subsist, They Lament that the remoteness of their Situation often exposes them to such Misrepresentations, as are apt to involve them in censures of Disloyalty to their Sovereign and the want of a proper Respect to the British Parliament; whereas they have indulged themselves in the agreable Perswasion, that they ought to be considered inferior to none of their fellow Subjects in Loyalty and Affection

That they do not affect an independency of their

Parent Kingdom, the prosperity of which they are bound to the utmost of their Abilities to promote but chearfully acquiesce in the authority of Parliament to make Laws for preserving a necessary Dependence and for regulating the Trade of the Colonies; Yet they cannot conceive and humbly insist it is not essential to support a proper relation between a Mother Country and Colonies transported from her, that she should have a Right to raise money from them without their Consent: and presume they do not aspire to more than the Natural Rights of British Subjects, when they assert that no power on Earth has a right to impose Taxes on the People or to take the smallest Portion of their Property without their Consent given by their Representatives in Parliament. This has ever been considered as the chief Pillar of the Constitution; without this Support no Man can be said to have the least shadow of Liberty, since they Can have no property, in that which another can by right take from them when he pleases without their Consent.

That their Ancestors brought over with them entire and transmitted to their Descendents the natural and constitutional Rights they had enjoyed in their native Country; and the first Principles of the British Constitution were early engrafted into the Constitution of the Colonies, Hence a Legislative Authority, ever essential in all free States, was derived and assimilated as nearly as might be to that in England; the executive power and the right of assenting or dissenting to all Laws reserved to the Crown and the privilege of chusing their own Representatives continued in the People and confirmed to them by repeated and express stipulations. The Government thus established they enjoyed the Fruits of their own Labour with a Serenity which Liberty only can impart. Upon pressing Occasions they applied to his Majesty for Relief, and gratefully acknowledge they have

frequently received it from their Mother Country. Whenever their Assistance was necessary, Requisitions have constantly been made from the Crown to the Representatives of the People who have complied with them to the utmost Extent of their Abilities.

The ample provision made for the support of the Civil Government in the Reign of King Charles the second, and at his request, and the large Supplies voted during the last War upon Requisitions from his Majesty and his Royal Grandfather afford early and late Instances of the Dispositions of the Assemblies of this Colony and are sufficient Proofs that the Parliament of Great Britain did not till lately assume a power of imposing Taxes on the People for the Purpose of raising a Revenue.

To say that the Commons of Great Britain have a right to impose internal Taxes on the Inhabitants of this Continent who are not and cannot be represented is in effect to bid them prepare for a State of Slavery. What must be their Situation should such a Right be established? The Colonies have no constitutional Check on their liberality in giving away their Money, cannot have an Opportunity of explaining their Grievances or pointing out the easiest Method of Taxation for their doom will be generally determined before they are acquainted that the subject has been agitated in Parliament; and the Commons bear no proportion of the Taxes they lay upon them. The notion of a virtual Representation which would render all our Rights merely ideal, has been so often and so clearly refuted that nothing need be said on that head.

The oppressive stamp Act confessededly imposed internal Taxes and the late Acts of Parliament giving and granting certain Duties in the British Colonies plainly tend to the same Point—

Duties have been imposed to restrain the commerce of one Part of the Empire that was likely to prove injurious to another and by this means the Wellfare of the whole promoted, but Duties imposed on such of the British Exports as are Necessaries of Life to be paid by the Colonists on importation, without any view to the Interests of Commerce, but merely to raise a Revenue, or in other Words, to compel the Colonists to part with their Money against their Inclinations, they conceive to be a Tax internal to all Intents and Purposes, And can it be thought just or reasonable, restricted as they are in their Trade, confined as they are in their Exports, Obliged to purchase these very Necessaries at the British Market, that they should now be told they shall not have them without paying a duty for them.

The Act suspending the Legislative Power of New York they consider as still more alarming to the Colonies, tho' it has that single Province in view. If the Parliament can compel them to furnish a single Article to the Troops sent over, by the same Rule they may oblige them to furnish Cloaths, Arms and every other Necessary even the Pay of the Officers and Soldiers a Doctrine replete with every Mischief, and utterly subversive of all that is dear and valuable; for what Advantage can the People of the Colonies derive from their Right of choosing their own Representatives if those Representatives when chosen, not permitted to exercise their own Judgments were under a Necessity (on pain of being deprived of their legislative Authority) of enforcing the Mandates of a British Parliament.

This Sir is a Sketch of their Sentiments as they are expressed in a Petition to his Majesty, a Memorial to the R^t Honble the Lords spiritual and temporal, and in a Remonstrance to the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of Great Britain in Parliament assembled.

In all these proceedings the Council of this Colony have concurred and have directed their Agent, James Abercrombie Esqr to join Edward Montague Esqr the Agent for this Colony in applying for redress of the Grievances they so justly complain of, Copies were delivered to the President who is desired to transmit them to the Secretary of State appointed by his Majesty to manage the Affairs of North America, and Mr Montague is enjoined to consult the Agents of the other Colonies and co'operate with them in every measure that shall be thought necessary on this delicate Point.

This House hope they have expressed themselves on the Occasion with a Firmness that becomes Freemen pleading for fundamental Rights and with a decency that will exempt them from any Imputation of Faction or Disloyalty. They have mad known their proceedings on this Subject with a view that the Representatives of your Province being acquainted with them, may go hand in hand in their Opposition to Measures which they think have an immediate tendency to enslave them; and are perswaded that the Candour of your respectable House will consider it in no other Light. They are not without hopes that by a hearty Union of the Colonies, the Constitution may be again established on its genuine Principles, an End equally to be desired both by the Mother Country and her Colonies.

In the Name and by order of the House of Burgesses
I am with the greatest Respect

Your most obedient humble Servant

Signed PEYTON RANDOLPH Speaker.

Directed

To the Honble the Speaker of the Commons House
of Assembly of the Province of Georgia.

The House took the said Letters under consideration and came to the following Resolutions Viz[t]

Resolution upon the said Letters.

RESOLVED That from the inherent Right of the Subject to petition the Throne for redress of Grievances, a Right allowed and confirmed by the Act of William and Mary, the said Letters do not appear to this House of a dangerous or factious Tendency but on the contrary in the Opinion of this House only tend to a justifiable Union of Subjects aggrieved in lawfull and laudable endeavours to obtain Redress by an Application founded upon and expressive of Duty and Loyalty to the best of Kings a becoming Respect for the Parliament of Great Britain and an equitable and natural Affection for our Mother Country, and arises from the tender and commendable Attention of those Colonies to the natural Rights and Liberties of the British Subjects in America, and to which they are undeniably entitled upon the happy Principles of our Constitution.

Resolution to send copy of the above to Boston and Virginia

RESOLVED That Copies of this Resolution be by the Speaker of this House transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of Massachusets Bay and to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses in Virginia and that they be acquainted by him that this House approves of the Measures by them pursued to obtain Redress of our common Grievances also of the Method by them taken of communicating these Measures to the other Provinces on the Continent.

The proceedings on the said Letters to be printed in the Gazette.

ORDERED That the several Proceedings and Resolutions respecting the said Letters be published in the Gazette of this Province, and that the Clerk do furnish the Printer with a copy of the same

Message from the Governor

A message from His Excellency the Governor by the Master in Chancery.

Mr Speaker

requiring the attendance of the House.

His Excellency the Governor requires the attendance of this House in the Council Chamber immediately—

The House attends the Governor and He gives his Assent to sundry Acts

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the whole House went to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber and being returned Mr Speaker reported His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Acts Viz^t

[For enumeration of the following 6 Acts see Journal of Upper House Dec 24. 1768]

Then the Governor makes a Speech to the House and dissolves the Assembly

Then Mr Speaker also reported that his Excellency was pleased to dissolve the Assembly with the following speech of which to prevent mistakes he had obtained a Copy Viz^t

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly

The Governor's Speech before the dissolution

From the Disposition that appeared amongst You at the opening of this Sessions I was very hopefull and flattered myself that it would have been brought to a happy conclusion, and it gives me great Concern to find it now otherwise, and that you have disregarded the principal Matter I had in charge from the King and thereby missed so fair an Opportunity of cherishing the Confidence his Majesty has in your Affections, but by your reviving and shewing Confidence and Support to the Boston Letter in the manner you have done, you have laid me under the Necessity of dissolving you.

You will know that more than ordinary Pains has been taken to prevent this Event and if any disagreeable Consequences should attend it. You will have brought them upon the Province by *a deliberate Act* and it is You and You only will have them to answer for to your Constituents, and however you may have suffered yourselves

to be influenced by the Conduct of other Provinces and whatever you may now think; be assured Gentlemen that your true Liberty, your Property and every thing that is valuable must depend upon a free and uninterrupted course of Law and Government *under the Protection and Support of the Mother Country* and that you cannot possibly enjoy these invaluable Blessings *without that Protection and Support* And how can you expect this or what Right can you pretend to it, if you declare yourselves to be an independent People, and to me it appears a flat and positive Contradiction to acknowledge *"the British Parliament to be supreme legislative Power over the whole British Empire"* (of which We are a Part) and in the same breath to deny the power of that very Parliament over us, nor can I see or admit the Propriety of the Americans declaring *"That they chearfully acquiesce in the authority of the British Parliament to make Laws for a Necessary dependence and regulating the Trade of the Colonies* and at the same time denying its authority to make other Laws, which I conceive to be a very loose and improper Jumble or System of Government and subordination and without any Criterion but the mere Caprice of the Populace, and I presume that the Authority of the British Parliament must be full and compleat or does not operate at all and that the Power of the British Parliament does extend to America is a point I never doubted or heard disputed till the Affair of the Stamp Act, and to shew that it does I shall only refer to the proceedings in Parliament on the grand Debate relative to that Act, when I believe there was near 400 members present only 9 or 10 divided against that Power; also the Votes of the House of Commons of the 24th Febry 1766 and the Statute of the 6th of his present Majesty Chap: 12th

The Distinction between internal and external Taxes

it is well known *here* from its first appearance amongst us I said I conceived it to be a Distinction without a Difference, and I also declared that if it was granted that the Americans were not subject to or could be legally or constitutionally taxed by the British Parliament *not been represented there* then I apprehended the same reason would hold in every Case and the same Objection lye against every Law made by the British Parliament to Affect the Colonies or his Majesty's Subjects in them. For it seems absurd to say the Colonies are not bound by British Acts of Parliament *imposing what they call internal Taxes* because they have not consented to such Laws *not being represented in that Parliament* and at the same time to admit that they are bound by and subject to *other Laws made by the same Parliament* and I do not find that there is any Difference or Distinction in that constitutional Rule or Principle that no man is bound by any Law to which he has not given his Assent either in Person or by Representation, But which Rule *is General and holds in all Cases* and with Respect *to all Laws* and if so, the Colonies I conceive are either bound by and subject to all the Acts of the British Parliament in which they are mentioned or are subject to None of any Kind whatever and consequently to be considered as independent of the legal or Parliamentary Power of Great Britain.

I also declared at the same time that if America could be or was to become Independent of the Mother Country; from that Day you might date the Foundation of your Ruin and Misery These were the Sentiments I declared near three years ago and which I still retain, and most ardently wish it had been in my Power to prevail on you to be so far of my Opinion as to have paid due Regard to His Majesty's Expectations from you and to have a more prudent Conduct in that particular, untill the Mat-

ters in difference between Great Britain and the Colonies and which are now at the Crisis had been clearly and effectually settled and determined. But as Things are circumstanced there is only one Act further remaining for me to do at present, which is by Virtue of his Majesty's Authority and in his Name to dissolve this Assembly and I do hereby accordingly dissolve the Same.

The Assembly dissolved

JAMES WRIGHT

Savannah in Georgia
Council Chamber—
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